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"And they cried, The Sword of the Lord and of Gideon." Judges 7:20

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Going After Sinners

By Evangelist John R. Rice

"He first findeth his own brother Simon... and he brought him to Jesus."—John 1:41, 42.

"The day following Jesus would go forth into Galilee, and findeth Philip..."—John 1:43.

"Philip findeth Nathanael..."—John 1:45.

Bible Examples Prove That Simply Going After Sinners Is the Greatest Essential

How did Bible Christians win souls? That is easy to answer. They simply went after them. I know that soul winners need compassion of heart. I know they should use the blessed Word of God. I know that they must have the power of the Holy Spirit to change hearts and make dead men live. But it is still true that no other equipment will help the soul winner who does not go after sinners.

Andrew won his rough, cursing, loudmouthed brother, fisherman Peter. How did he do it? We are told, "He first findeth his own brother Simon, and saith unto him, We have found the Messiah, which is, being interpreted, the Christ. And he brought him to Jesus" (John 1:41, 42). It was a very simple thing that Andrew said to Peter. Anybody could say that. But Andrew went and sought out Peter and found him, to tell him the good news and to bring him to Jesus!

Jesus won Philip, and this new convert then won his friend Nathanael. How did he do it? We are told, "Philip findeth Nathanael, and saith unto him, We have found him, of whom Moses in the law, and the prophets, did write, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph. And Nathanael said unto him, Can there any good thing come out of Nazareth? Philip saith unto him, Come and see" (John 1:45, 46).

Nearly anybody I know could do better than this poor, ignorant new convert Philip did in talking to Nathanael. He called Jesus "the son of Joseph." He was not denying the virgin birth of Jesus. Possibly he was only using the general accepted term since Joseph acted as foster father to Jesus, and was so known to the public. Very possibly the new convert did not really know much about the virgin birth of Christ. At any rate, he made a big blunder. But in his sincerity God overruled his blun-

der and Nathanael was saved. Not just at first; he had problems and questions. And Philip the new convert could not answer all the questions, but he had the right answer nevertheless. He said, "Come and see," and he brought him to Jesus and Jesus fixed everything up with Nathanael, just as He will do with every sinner who honestly comes to find Him.

You see, the main thing is that Philip went after Nathanael and brought him to Jesus. Philip did not know all about it, and Philip made some mistakes, but he did not make the tragic mistake of neglecting his friend's soul and letting him go to Hell. There is no mistake in the world as bad as leaving people alone in their sins, unwarned, uninvited, and untaught about Jesus and salvation. Nearly anybody could do as well as Philip did. But he did do the one essential thing. He went after Nathanael and found him, and got him to come to Jesus.

That is a wonderful story of soul winning we read in Acts 8:26-40. Philip was in a great revival at Samaria when the angel of the Lord told him to "arise, and go toward the south unto the way that goeth down from Jerusalem unto Gaza, which is desert," and Philip went. That is one of the big secrets of this soul winner's power. He obeyed orders. He was always willing to go. So he went and at the crossroads he found the Ethiopian eunuch.

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The Peril of Resisting God

By the late Dr. George W. Truett, long pastor
First Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas

(Preached in revival services in June 1917, in Fort Worth)

"Who hath hardened himself against him, and hath prospered?"—Job 9:4.

That is a question from the book of Job, in the ninth chapter. If you shall forget all else that I say this Sunday evening, I pray God that you may not forget this text. Mark it again: "Who hath hardened himself against him, and hath prospered?"

The very suggestion in the text is surprising, startling, even amazing. The suggestion is that human beings may harden themselves against God, and do so to their present and eternal hurt. The very suggestion, I say, is exceedingly startling. "Who hath hardened himself against God?" Against God! He is our Maker. Can there be any wisdom in one's hardening himself against his Maker? Does one need any other proof of the deadening and undoing power of sin than that sin could come into a human life and harden such life against its Maker? He is our best friend, and yet men and women, through the power of sin, through its deceitfulness, are hardened against God, their best friend.

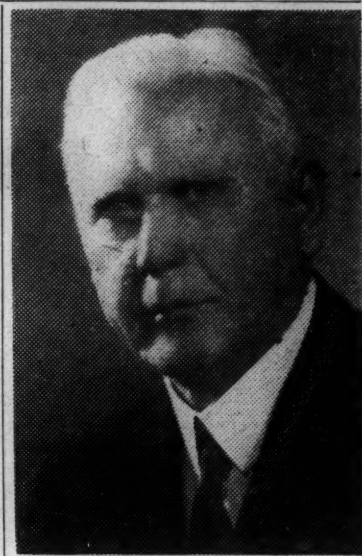
The wonder grows when we remember that we whose lives are utterly contingent on God's holy will, are hardening ourselves against a Being of infinite power. If God should withdraw His moral support for just one minute from the strongest man that listens now to my voice, such man, sitting or standing, would gasp and in one moment be in the embrace of death. And yet men and women

harden themselves against that Being of infinite power.

He is a Being of infinite wisdom. He knows us altogether. There is not a secret in a single heart in all this vast throng this Sunday night, but that such secret is thoroughly known to the omniscient God. Oh, if such fact could only be real to us for just a moment, surely it would give us pause, and give us as best we may to cease from our every evil way.

In the war of the 60's, one of the officers of the Southern armies was taken a prisoner, and kept for quite awhile in a federal prison. In his memoirs he recounts his prison experiences. He tells us that he was guarded day and night, and that he could not look up, neither to the right, nor to the left, night or day, but that eyes were watching his every movement. He tells us that if he started in his dreams and was rudely awakened from his sleep, standing over him and watching him were eyes that never ceased to observe his every movement. He tells us that of all the experiences, torturing and terrible, through which he passed in that fearful, fratricidal war, that one experience of eyes watching him all the time was the most torturing experience of all.

O, my brother men, if the truth could only come home to us properly, this very hour, that God sees us and knows us altogether, and that for everything in our life, whether public or secret, He will



Dr. George W. Truett

bring us into judgment at last, what a difference such fact would make in our conduct before Him!

And how the wonder grows yet more, when we remember that men and women harden their hearts against a Being of infinite goodness! I could understand how men would make a straight fight with Satan, seeking to resist him and put his devices all away, when they remember that Satan is man's persistent and never-ceasing enemy, and that Satan means mischief, and mischief only, and not good at all to any and every human being. When men and women find out the awful power of Satan to hurt a human life, for today and for tomorrow and for the eternal beyond, I could understand how men and women would rise up with a fixed resolve and say: "Satan shall not have our service. He shall not have us. We will break with him and put him away." And yet, wonder of wonders, men do not break like that with Satan, but men break with God, that Being of infinite

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Have
YOU
Kept
YOUR
Promise?

THE STRANGE CASE OF THE WITHERED HAND

By Evangelist Jack Shuler

"And there was a man there which had a withered hand."—Mark 3:1.

I borrowed this sermon from the Book of all sermons. It is one Jesus preached. The wasting waves of passing centuries have washed away the footprints of the lowly Nazarene on the shores of Galilee, yet the iron tooth of Time has failed to devour one lesson He taught or mar one stone or pillar of the mighty structures of His gospel. His truth remains!

Imagine yourself in Capernaum. Just yonder the temple is rapidly filling. Jesus is on an evangelistic tour and He is scheduled to preach here. You have a thrill awaiting you. Mortal preachers and their preachments have in no way improved upon His immaculate sermons. The servant cannot equal his Lord. You've come none too soon, for almost every seat is taken. What will His topic be? What will He say?

Jesus is approaching the temple, and Jesus never moves without purpose. He does not enter a city, address a crowd, perform a miracle but that the entire occasion is prepared for Him by the Spirit. He invariably works with a definite end in view. When He walked beside the sea, He knew Simon and James and John would be

mending their nets, awaiting their life-changing call, "Follow me, and I will make you to become fishers of men." When he stood on a moon-lit street corner in Jerusalem, it was not without purpose. He was aware that a young lawyer and Jewish leader, Nicodemus, was on his way to meet Him there. He knew that He would use the occasion to publish His indispensable requisite to salvation, "Ye must be born again." When He stood beside a well in Samaria it was for the specific purpose of talking to a woman of Sychar about the Water of Everlasting Life. A jagged hole in the roof which framed the descending cot of a palsied man may have startled the others, but not Him. It was in the program of God. It was in accord-



Evangelist Jack Shuler

ance with the Spirit's blueprint. It was ordered!

Jesus moves only by divine appointment, and He has an appointment with someone in Capernaum and we are to be witnesses. Let Mark provide the setting:

"And he entered again into the temple, and said, 'Whosoever will be first among you, let him be last of all, and servant of all.' And he called them, and said, 'Whoever will be first among you, let him be last of all, and servant of all.' And he called them, and said, 'Whoever will be first among you, let him be last of all, and servant of all.'"

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Revival Campaign Report No. 4

Army "Top-Kick" in Korea Comes to Christ; Girl promises to "Leave Life of a Sinner" to Serve Lord; Sinful Woman Turns to Christ and Finds Forgiveness; Writer Urges "Give God a Chance"

By Charles T. Lampman, Managing Editor

Our report this week (March 26-31) justifies the optimism we expressed a few weeks ago. God is blessing *The Sword of the Lord* "Revival-by-Mail" Campaign. This is only the third week of the 10-week campaign announced by Dr. Rice in the March 9 issue of *The Sword* and already there are signs of a great outpouring of God's blessing.

During the week of this report 53 persons requested free copies of "What Must I Do to Be Saved?" and 61 readers sent prayer lists. There were 20 professions of faith in Christ Jesus through *THE SWORD* or *Sword* literature reported.

Of the total reported conversions for this week 15 came from "What Must I Do to Be Saved?" readers and five from readers of *THE SWORD* and other *Sword* literature.

A man in the Veteran's Administration Hospital, Castle Point, New York, came to Christ after reading Rev. Ford Porter's article, "God's Simple Plan of Salvation" (*SWORD*, March 9, 1951). This is the third reported conversion from this article. A woman in Iowa found Christ through Dr. Rice's article "What Must I Do to Be Saved?" (*SWORD*, March 13, 1951).

A man in Kano, Nigeria, West Africa, signed the decision form

Reported Conversions	
Since March 9, 1951	
"What Must I Do to Be Saved?"	39
Other <i>Sword</i> Literature	13
52	
(Campaign Goal: More than 527)	

Copies of "What" Given Free	12,597
Copies of "What" Sold at Cost	8,087
20,594	
(Campaign Goal: 250,000)	

Prayer lists Received	182

printed in the booklet "All Have Sinned." The decision was signed October 28, 1950, but just reached our office this week!

The total of reported conversions now stands at 52. The campaign goal—to equal the entire 1950 report—is 527. As a standing

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The Gospel at a Glance

By Charles L. Ramsay

THE HAND MAKES THE CONTACT



This is another in a series of original Christian cartoons drawn by Charles L. Ramsay which have been appearing weekly in *THE SWORD OF THE LORD*. The first edition of *101 Christian Cartoons* has been completely exhausted. A second edition is in preparation and will be announced when ready.

The Editor's Friends

By Editor John R. Rice

DR. BOB JONES, Sr., evangelist for over fifty years, founder of Bob Jones University, left April 5 for Los Angeles, Hawaii, Japan and Alaska on a preaching tour. He will spend three weeks in Japan, visit Bob Jones University graduates who are missionaries there, then return via Alaska with a one week's evangelistic campaign at Anchorage. Approximately five hundred students in Bob Jones University are missionary volunteers and Dr. Jones regards the University as "a base for world-wide evangelistic effort."

DR. BILLY GRAHAM, evangelist and president of Northwestern Schools at Minneapolis, closed the Greater Fort Worth Evangelistic Crusade March 25. Most of the services were in the Will Rogers Coliseum; Easter Sunday afternoon the Texas Christian University Football Stadium was filled. In the four weeks there resulted some four thousand announced decisions for Christ, it is reported. Billy Graham is now in a campaign at Shreveport, Louisiana, beginning April 8.

DR. WALTER WILSON, president Kansas City Bible College, Kansas City, Missouri, announces a "Soul Clinic" June 17 to 24 on the college campus, 75th and State Line. Speakers will include Rev. Fred Jordan, Dr. Wendell P. Loveless, and Dr. Wilson. Help will be given in soul-winning work of various kinds. Out-of-town guests may have room and board for \$1.00 a day. Address P. O. Box 7035, Kansas City 2, Missouri. Dr. Wilson also announces that beginning next fall the Kansas City Bible College will offer free typing and

business shorthand courses to those students desiring them.

EVANGELIST CLIFTON W. BRANNON, of 626 Electra Street, Longview, Texas, sends a check for 101 yearly subscriptions to *THE SWORD OF THE LORD*. May his tribe increase! Brother Brannon is having blessed revivals, averaging, I think, around 100 conversions each week. At the Arnett-Benson Baptist Church, Lubbock, there were 65 converts joining the church for baptism, 30 additions by letter, 2 by statement, many rededications. At Macon, Georgia, in one week there were 119 additions to the church, 251 decisions for Christ, other rededications. God bless you, brother!

EVANGELIST T. W. WILSON, vice president of the Northwestern Schools, 50 Willow Street, Minneapolis 3, Minnesota, writes a kindly letter which is just like him. My joy overcomes my modesty and I publish his letter here. Thank God for his great campaigns! He says:

"Dear Dr. Rice:
"I have just returned from California where we enjoyed the blessing of God in two three-week campaigns. The first one in San Diego was a miracle of God. Nearly 1800 decisions altogether! We give all the glory to God.

"Dr. Rice, the purpose of my writing to you is with regard to your wonderful tribute, not only to Billy Graham, but to evangelism and to evangelists in general. I believe that God gave you wisdom similar to what He gave Daniel in his hour of need. I have thanked God over and over and over again for that article. It means much to me. In fact, I told my audience about it that night in the big citrus plant warehouse in Anaheim.

"Your paper, *THE SWORD OF THE LORD*, really makes an evangelist feel like a gentleman. When we spend most of our time away from home and away from those we love and go through some of the kicks and criticisms, it really strikes a deep spot in our hearts.

"While I'm writing I'd like to say also that I appreciate so much the Scripture, the direct message from the Word of God in all of your articles as well as books.

They've been a blessing to me.

"Dr. Rice, I appreciate the work you're doing, and I pray God will give you many years with which to work for Him. I appreciate the work you're doing for my Lord and for the positive stand you take for His cause. May God bless you.

"T. W. WILSON,
"Vice President"

EVANGELIST JACK SHULER, 3660 N. Puente Avenue, Baldwin Park, California, has a stirring sermon in this issue which you will like, I trust. He had a blessed campaign in Dallas with more than three thousand people coming forward at the invitation, for salvation, rededication, etc. He says some wonderfully kind things about the editor, which I appreciate but had best not print. Then he says, "I pray for you constantly. Keep up the splendid work. The paper is leading the field of evangelistic publications and has been used of God in a glorious ministry to encourage saints and reach lost men." Pray for this mighty young preacher with his strong preaching against sin, his vision and faith. He is a son of Dr. Bob Shuler, Los Angeles, Methodist pastor and crusader for the old-time faith and for righteousness.

DR. THEODORE H. EPP, Back to the Bible Broadcast, Lincoln, Nebraska, announces that the 475 half-hour programs now released weekly will be increased May 6 with Sunday afternoon broadcasts coast to coast on the American Broadcasting System. Brother Epp is a noble man of God. The work has 115 consecrated Christian workers, sponsors support for some 65 missionaries, publishes two monthly papers, the *Good News Broadcaster* and the *Young Ambassador*, with total circulation of some 185,000. Thank God for the increase of this noble work which really calls people back to the Bible and to Christ.

REV. L. L. ROLOFF, for seven years pastor of the Second Baptist Church, Corpus Christi, Texas, closed a remarkable pastorate March 25 when he entered the work as full-time evangelist. In the seven years the church membership had grown from 1641 to 2653; property had increased from \$65,000 to \$536,000. The church had received more than 1100 converts by baptism, more than 2000 members by transfer from other churches. Twenty-five young ministers have been licensed to preach and twenty-three fully ordained, in the seven years. Three mission stations have been organized and a Christian day school. Brother Roloff began the revival ministry with a fifteen-hundred capacity tent and his first year's itinerary is already scheduled. He is a strong, sound, Bible preacher, highly commended by godly and strong men and we thank God that he enters the great field of evangelism. Pray for Evangelist L. L. Roloff. His address, Park Avenue Christian Day School, Corpus Christi, Texas.



Evangelist L. L. Roloff

you know our address . . .

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So, if you move, be sure to let us know where you are by sending us your old and new addresses (including zone number) five weeks before you make the change. The Post Office will not forward papers unless you send postage.

A Pastor Writes on the Tithe

The editor has a nice letter from Rev. James H. Drake of the First South Baptist Church in Porterville, California. Since the letter is nicely written and represents the viewpoint of many good men, we give the letter here in full with the editor's answer.

Rev. James H. Drake's Letter

Dear Brother Rice:

Three years ago my brother sent me *THE SWORD OF THE LORD*, as a gift for one year. Today I am renewing the subscription the third time, but for the first time I do it hesitatingly. The paper has been a blessing to me in many ways, but I pondered long before renewing this time because of your position on tithing. I have many of your books, and it is the first unscriptural teaching I have found of yours. I do not base my conviction that the tithe belongs to the church on Malachi 3:8-10, but rather on Genesis 14:17-24 and Hebrews 6:20; 7:17, 21. According to these Scriptures, Christ is a tithe-receiving Priest. Since Christ organized His church, and only His church, the tithe belongs to it. The tithe belongs in the same place as baptism and the Lord's Supper. Either all or none belong to the church. There are many good causes that can be supported with over-the-tithe offerings. It is impossible for a man to make an offering until he has given his tithe to the church where he has membership. May you win many more souls to the Lord.

Your brother in Christ,
James H. Drake

The Editor's Answer

Dear Brother Drake:

Thank you for your letter. I am glad to have your frank statement. At the same time, I find it very surprising that you should feel as you do about the tithing articles. In the first place, if you differ with my position, it seems to me that you must still admit that I have as strong a man as possible to present your side of the case, the side of the pastors who want to control the gifts of the people. I believe no one can say that I have been less than fair in that matter. In the second place, since you have found me devoted to the Word of God and willing to follow it at any cost in all the past, I should think that you should seriously consider the possibility that in this matter also I have unselfishly sought to find and follow the whole will of God, in the Word of God.

There are two or three errors, it seems to me, in your reasoning.

1. You say, "I do not base my conviction that the tithe belongs to the church on Malachi 3:8-10, but rather on Genesis 14:17-24, and Hebrews 6:20; Hebrews 7:17, 21." But you evidently gave little attention to the first Scripture you mention, for Genesis 14:18-20 directly disapproves any idea that the tithe must be given through the church treasury! In the first place, there was no church mentioned here whatever. Abraham gave tithes to one man, a priest. In the second place, Abraham did not carry tithes to any set place. Melchizedek came to Abraham and not Abraham to Melchizedek. In the third place, the tithe here was given to an individual, not to an organization. Melchizedek would better represent an independent evangelist than he would represent a pastor. This is a better Scripture to prove that one should give his tithe to an evangelist or radio preacher than that he should bring his tithe to a local church. Nothing even remotely akin to the local church is here in Genesis 14:20, when Melchizedek came to see Abraham and Abraham gave him the tithe.

2. You refer to Hebrews 6:20, Hebrews 7:17, 21 and say, "According to these Scriptures, Christ is a tithe-receiving Priest. Since Christ organized His church, and only His church, the tithe belongs to it." But, dear friend, that is a statement which has not a hint of support in Hebrews 6:20 nor Hebrews 7:17 and 21. The Scripture does teach that all our giving should be to Christ. But there is not a particle of evidence that when the Bible says Christ, it means a pastor instead of an evangelist. There is not a hint in the Bible, to my knowledge, that a

pastor is any more called of God than is an evangelist, or that money sent to a denomination secretary pleases God better than that given to a revival. You have some personal reason for believing that, no doubt, but you believed it before you found any Scripture on the case, evidently. The Scripture does not say that the tithe belongs to Christ and that Christ is only in favor of the church, not of evangelism, nor radio programs, the China Inland Mission, or Moody Bible Institute, or Bob Jones University, for example.

3. You say, "The tithe belongs in the same place as baptism and the Lord's Supper." But you gave no Scriptures to say anything of the kind. I respect your opinion in the matter but it seems to me that is your own personal conclusion, not based upon any statement in the Word of God. For example, the Bible gives the clear case of Acts 10:46, 47 when Peter asked the other Christians present if they would agree to the baptism of Cornelius and his household. So at least, whether it is required or not in the Bible, it is not wrong for a church to vote to approve baptism of new converts. And the clear example throughout the New Testament is that the Lord's Supper was observed only in assemblies of Christians, that is, in church congregations. Paul says, "When ye come together to eat . . ." (I Cor. 11:33) and again, "And upon the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul preached unto them . . ." (Acts 20:7). So we have a right to believe what the New Testament everywhere infers, that the Lord's Supper is for the public assembly of Christians. If I do not say more than that about baptism and the Lord's Supper, it is because the Bible does not say more, and the Bible is good enough for me. But the Bible does not say that the tithe belongs to the church and there is not even a single example in the New Testament where we are specifically told that people brought their tithes to the church as tithes. Yes, they brought gifts to the church, and people should do so today; but the tithe is the Lord's, not the church's, not the pastor's, and the idea that the local church organization is the only work which is God's work is utterly foreign to the New Testament, in my judgment.

Paul, on his missionary journey, was an evangelist and his support was as well pleasing to God as the support of local pastors. And while men love to say that Paul was supported by offerings and the local pastors by tithes, that is a fabrication of the imagination, it is not found in the Bible.

4. You say, "It is impossible for a man to make an offering until he has given his tithe to the church where he has membership." But again you do not give any Scripture that says anything like that. That is a man-made rule, not a Bible-made rule. In the first place, the Bible does not make a distinction between tithes and offerings. In fact, the word *offering* in the Bible means a sacrifice, that is, a lamb or bullock given to be offered on an altar as a burnt offering or wave offering or heave offering, and these same sacrifices were often tithes. The same lamb could be an offering and a tithe. The Bible does not make the distinction which you make there. What is given above the tithe may be an offering, but the tithe is an offering, too.

In the second place, in Malachi 3:8 God plainly says that both the tithe and offering should be brought alike to the ceremonial storehouse at Jerusalem for the support of the ceremonial Levitical priesthood. "Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings." If the tithes were brought to Jerusalem to the temple, then the offering

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India Beggars For Gospel Literature

Missionaries of Evangelical Alliance Mission, Conservative Baptist Mission and Youth for Christ in India Asked Sword of the Lord to Supply 200,000 Copies of "What Must I Do to Be Saved?" to Begin With

By Editor John R. Rice

Dr. Fred Jarvis, a missionary in Japan of the Evangelical Alliance Mission and loaned by them to Youth for Christ in Japan, is en route home to the United States to do deputation work for a season and tell of the needs in that great country. Dr. Jarvis, along with Missionary Timothy Pietsch, has been very active in Japan in having printed and in helping to circulate my booklet, "What Must I Do to Be Saved?" in the Japanese language. Now in India, Dr. Jarvis has been deeply impressed with the need for Christian literature in the language of the people. Along with a check for \$60 came the following interesting letter with a proposition which I believe *Sword of the Lord* readers will want to help me accept for Jesus' sake.

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Evangelist John R. Rice
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Dear Dr. Rice:

Greetings from the land of India. I have been here now for a week or so and have spoken in the Calcutta and Jhahsi Youth for Christ rallies and am scheduled to speak here in Bombay tonight.

Everywhere I have gone, people have called the fact to my attention that there is a tremendous dearth of gospel literature in the vernacular with which to reach the millions of people in this vast land of India. I told the brethren here today about how your tract, "What Must I Do to Be Saved?" has been so widely used in Japan and they have suggested that I write to you with the hope that you may be able to do something to subsidize an edition in the Marathi language for India. There are some twenty million people here in this area who use this language. The Bombay area is much more literate than many other sections of India.

Brother Joe Weatherly, the Youth for Christ director here, is trying to carry on a campaign to reach the masses through the printed page. He, with the cooperation of Conservative Baptist and Evangelical Alliance missionaries, could supervise the translation, printing and distribution of the tracts. They could, of course, be made available to all other evangelical missionaries as long as the supply lasts. Don Hillis of the Evangelical Alliance Mission is also very anxious to have a supply of these tracts to be used as an inducement for the enrollees in his Bible correspondence course to complete their studies. There are over five thousand students enrolled already, of whom about eighty per cent are Hindus.

Knowing your desire to get out the Word of God to the ends of the earth, we are setting this challenge before you with a prayer that the Lord may lay it upon the hearts of His people at home to provide, say \$1,000, for an initial printing here in India.

We shall ever thank the Lord for all that you have been able to do in Japan through this tract and your other books and do praise Him for the privilege of working together with you. May God grant you wisdom as you seek to know His mind in this matter.

Sincerely yours and His,
(Signed) FRED D. JARVIS

P.S. After having dictated this letter, a few of us missionaries here felt that we should do something practical about getting this literature into India. Accordingly Joe Weatherly of YFC, Don Hillis of TEAM (The Evangelical Alliance Mission), and Hammond Major of Conservative Baptist Mission, and I have pitched in and are enclosing \$60 toward the printing of these tracts. Incidentally, they could use an unlimited amount of this tract in English. It is estimated that we can get these printed in Marathi at one-half a cent each. One thousand dollars would purchase two hundred thousand tracts in Marathi.

The Editor Answers India's Call

After meditation and prayer, I am sending the following letter to Rev. Joe Weatherly, Youth for Christ Director, Bombay, India:

March 26, 1951

Rev. Joe Weatherly
Youth for Christ Director
Bombay, India

Dear Brother Weatherly:

I will have to send this letter home to get your street address correct, but I have a letter from Dr. Fred Jarvis of the Evangelical Alliance Mission in Japan who recently stopped with you in Bombay. He says that there is a tremendous need for gospel literature in the Marathi language for India. He sent along a check for \$60 which he says is a combined gift of Don Hillis, Hammond Major and you and he for the printing of such literature, particularly for the translation and printing of my booklet, "What Must I Do to Be Saved?" in that language. He tells me that you, with the cooperation of the Conservative Baptist and the Evangelical Alliance missionaries, would supervise the translation, printing and distribution of the booklets in India, and that you would make them available to all other evangelical missionaries as long as the supply should last.

My heart is deeply touched with the need there. I have the deepest confidence in the judgment of Dr. Jarvis who is helping greatly in our work of free literature in Japan. So after prayer, I feel led to offer to pay for the printing of the first 200,000 copies of "What Must I Do to Be Saved?" in the Marathi language, if you will undertake to supervise the translation, printing, and distribution. Will you please have a couple of other men, perhaps Don Hillis and Hammond Major, who are already interested, to act on a committee with you and as a committee you can decide major matters like the number of tracts to be printed, the letting of a contract for printing, the checking of a translation, etc. I judge from Dr. Jarvis' letter that you are willing to undertake such a responsibility, with the help of other missionaries.

I enclose one copy of the booklet, "What Must I Do to Be Saved?" Will you set out to have it translated at once, and carefully check the translation? I will make an appeal at once in THE SWORD OF THE LORD, and I believe we can soon raise \$1,000 for this purpose. And then let me know at once what price is asked for the printing, when the money will be needed, and how to send it. And please name the other members appointed on the committee who agree to help you be responsible for the printing and distribution. Will you do that, dear brother, for Jesus' sake?

It will be our policy to continue to supply money for printing of this pamphlet as widely as it can be used, provided the cost is kept to the bare minimum, and provided the booklet will be available to every sound evangelical missionary group who will use it to the glory of God. I think God will help us to raise the money if you brethren will take the heavy burden of the work necessary in distributing the booklet, and keep us informed on the results, and will follow up, the best you can, the converts.

May I hear from you soon on this matter? I pray that God will greatly enlarge your work in that country. Thank God for Youth for Christ at home and abroad.

In the dear Saviour's name,
yours,

JOHN R. RICE

I feel that this call is of God. I believe that many a reader of

THE SWORD OF THE LORD will feel the same, and will want to help. I hope that we can have \$1,000 or more available to send these brethren as soon as they can get us a price that is satisfactory and an agreement as to the general details of the work.

Every penny will be used exactly as designated. A receipt will be sent for every gift of \$1 or more. Our books are carefully kept and carefully audited. The Sword of the Lord Foundation is a nonprofit corporation, which means that gifts to it are recognized as deductible for income-tax purposes. So keep your receipts, or your blank checks. How much better to spend the money in getting out the gospel than to pay it out in income taxes! We hope you will pray, then give as God puts it in your heart for this missionary work.

Further Needs in Japan

We have recently sent an additional \$1,000 to our missionary committee in Japan for the publishing of several of my books and pamphlets. The book, *Is Jesus God?* is being printed now. *Bible Facts About Heaven and Hell—What the Bible Says About It*, are already in print and are proving very popular, we are told. The booklet, *Verbal Inspiration of the Bible*, is about ready. Some of these books will be given outright. For example, there is a very high percentage of modernists among the native pastors in Japan and my book, *Is Jesus God?* will be given free to every pastor. Other books will be sold at the approximate cost, and the income used in a revolving fund to print more books and distribute them on a nonprofit basis. The booklet, "What Must I Do to Be Saved?" is being given free, of course, by the tens of thousands to individuals who are hungry-hearted. And someone has said that these days in Japan no one ever throws down a religious tract. There is a great interest and hunger in spiritual matters, and we must take advantage of that hunger and give people the Bread of Life while we can.

Brother Timothy Pietsch writes that there are increasing demands for the booklet, "What Must I Do

Two Rice Booklets Now in Japanese



Both of Dr. Rice's booklets shown above are proving very popular in Japan. Great quantities of them are being given outright. Some are being sold at approximate cost, and the income used in a revolving fund to print more booklets and distribute them on a nonprofit basis. Funds to enlarge this ministry are still needed.

to Be Saved?" in the Japanese edition, and he hopes we can have another large printing soon. We hope to send him soon another good sized check to print several hundred thousand copies of "What Must I Do to Be Saved?" which is being distributed by six different mission agencies at least. So do not forget the needs of Japan while you help us take care of the needs of India.

Today another letter came from a soul saved through the Spanish edition of "What Must I Do to Be Saved?" We must get in touch with missionaries in Spanish-speaking countries and help them win souls with this booklet. We covet your prayers. We need help both in money for printing, and an office worker for this important task.

Send your offerings or your letters to Free Literature Fund, Sword of the Lord Publishers, Wheaton, Illinois. And we beg all to pray for this tremendous work, this mission task of getting out the gospel in as many languages as possible, to as many people as possible, as rapidly as we can.

The Withered Hand

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synagogue; and there was a man there which had a withered hand. And they watched him, whether he would heal him on the sabbath day; that they might accuse him. And he saith unto the man which had the withered hand, stand forth. And...he saith unto the man, Stretch forth thy hand. And he stretched it out: and his hand was restored whole as the other" (Mark 3:1-5).

This account of an occasion in Christ's ministry is not simply fiction. It is more than an interesting story. It is the setting for some of the most profound truths of time and eternity. Here is recorded an episode involving a man with a withered hand.

What's wrong with a withered hand? The answer is simple. It just can't take hold of things. And just now I want to borrow this fellow's sad condition and cast it forth as a blanket indictment against all Christendom. The church in this twentieth century has lost its grip!

Christians With Withered Hands Never Grown

What has become of our ability to take hold of the precious promises of God's Word? Once there were mighty men of faith in the land who believed that what God promised He was able to perform. They stood upon the Scriptures. They held to what was written. Each glorious covenant was a promissory note to be cashed by faith at a Throne of Grace. They trusted a God who could not lie, and found Him to be the God of Elijah. The promises are still there, but our hands are so withered we can't seize them!

Where is our power to grip the horns of the altar in fervent, effectual prayer? We present-day Christians don't hold a family resemblance to men like Moses who stayed the vengeful hand of God at Sinai, or Joshua who stopped

the clockwork of the stars, or Paul and Silas who literally prayed a jail to pieces at Philippi. We have lost the ardor of Jacob who would not let go until the blessing was granted. We no longer covet the victories gained by the hundred and twenty disciples in an upper room whose ten-day siege of Heaven's throne was rewarded with three thousand souls at a single service. God's treasury is still open to us, and prayer is still the lever that can move the world, but our hands are drawn and impotent and will not take hold!

The Christian faith is built upon certain immutable truths—an infallible Bible; the virgin birth of Christ; His deity; His atoning death; His resurrection; His second coming; the necessity and provision of new birth by the Holy Ghost. We have let slip these tremendous verities that Christ taught and which God honored. As a consequence, we have forfeited our ability to grip the world! Comforting words that conditions are getting better do not keep them from getting worse. Essays on peace seem only to have brought on a greater frequency of wars. Man's feeble alternatives to God's grand message of hope and salvation are losing us a world! One thing we must say for those early Christians with their "thus saith the Lord" gospel is they had a hold on their generation. They dug strong fingers into human hearts and moved them toward God. They clenched the reins of the nations and guided them heavenward. Their hands were strong and healthy!

Christ, in speaking of the Rock of His redeeming gospel and the church that should be built upon it, said, "And the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." But the forces of Hell have the upper hand today!! Hell is win-

ning the victory right here in America, the most Christian nation in existence. There is more crime, and immorality, and drunkenness, and lewdness, and lawlessness, and plain sin in this nation than at any time in history. Satan is giving us the laugh and his unholy leagues move in to lick up our blood. Is there no sure weapon of defence? Indeed there is! The sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God, is still quick and powerful and able to divide asunder. But we have lost our means of battle. We can't manipulate the sword! Our hands are shriveled, dried up, withered!

Have you ever thought on the importance of the hands? A man can get along somehow without feet. I know a prominent attorney whose ears are only decorations. He has been stone deaf for years, yet the loss of hearing did not impair his usefulness. To lose one's eyes is a sore loss, yet the world is filled with the blind whose handicap did not keep them from making their mark in almost every conceivable field of endeavor. But to be deprived of hands is to be denied those members of the body which are most indispensable to human welfare.

We care for ourselves with our hands.

While conducting meetings in Louisville, I received a letter from an anxious mother requesting that I visit her son who was a patient at one of the hospitals. The boy had been in a highway accident and was severely mangled in the wreckage of his automobile. When I visited him, I saw that one hand had been amputated and the other was swathed in bandages. A few minutes after I arrived a nurse came in with a luncheon. He ate well enough, but he did not feed himself. I watched the helpful hands of the nurse as she lifted food to his mouth with a spoon and thought how oft the scene was repeated in church sanctuaries across the land.

I remember an incident which occurred when I was preaching several years ago in Chattanooga. A couple in their early thirties came to me in deep distress at the conclusion of one of the services. The husband said, "Jack, I don't know how wife and I are going to make it. A tragedy has happened. My parents both died and left my baby brother for us to care for."

My fondness for babies did not make it easy for me to enter into their sorrow over the situation.

"You ought to be proud to take the little fellow and bring him up," I said. "You should consider him a blessing, not a burden. Train him for God and someday you will receive your reward."

He looked at me and a picture of despair settled upon his features. In guttural tones he said, "You don't understand. My brother is twenty-two years old! When he was two he had an awful disease that weakened his mind and stunted his body. He crawls on the floor and has to be tended constantly. My wife and I are almost frantic."

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The Withered Hand

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It is beautiful to watch a tiny baby smile and coo and go through his antics. Nothing is so delightful as to see a little fellow taking his first steps or hear him trying to put his first words into a sentence. A baby's actions are always attractive, and what parent is there who has not called in the neighbors to witness Junior learning to eat his carrots with his own tiny silver spoon? But when the little fellow fails to keep up with his years, he ceases to be a delight and becomes instead an embarrassment.

There are too many people in our churches who have never grown up. I have seen men and women who had their spiritual birth twenty or thirty years ago still being spoon-fed by a clerical nursemaid. They have never gained maturity. They are altogether childish. They get their feelings hurt and crawl off to pout. They can't have their way, so they go into temper tantrums. Paul had something to say about these "babes in Christ." He said, "I have fed you with milk, and not with meat: for hitherto ye were not able to bear it" (I Cor. 3:2). My heart is out to the pastor who must pause in the great cause of the kingdom to hold out his spoon and get a few drops of warm milk down the tender throats of sickly infants who ought long ago to have begun a diet of T-bone steaks! God pity those who have to depend on others' hands for sustenance.

Such a situation is not altogether new. Abraham had to "scotch" for his nephew, Lot, after the same fashion. Out beside his tent under desert skies he lifted up holy hands and interceded for his kinsman who balanced at the edge of Sodom's cauldron of sin. We read, "God remembered Abraham, and sent Lot out of the midst of the overthrow, when he overthrew the cities in which Lot dwelt" (Gen. 19:29).

Some of you old-timers would be six feet under and your spirits would be dancing in flames right now were it not for a saintly wife whose noble hands have lifted you up night and day to her God. A mother's faithful hands are under you, lost son! Only her prayers keep you from the torments of a rebel's Hell. You cannot help yourself in your condition. You are only a burden, an object of distress and a toilsome responsibility to those who labor with God in your behalf. May God grant you restored hands to seize for yourself the promises of everlasting life. May He strengthen your hands to partake of the full course of mercy which awaits you at the table of His bountiful grace.

Sin May Wither the Usefulness of the Christians' Hands

I want to tell you something else about your hands. With the hands we wait upon others.

The very fact of birth is the fact of man's responsibility. God never thrust anyone into the world to become a dead weight on society. We are; therefore we ought! God's purpose for man is that he shall not only trust Christ for himself, but that he shall lead others to his Saviour. God expects us to reach out strong, helping hands! He demands that we lift up the fallen and care for the dying! Look at your own hands. Are they drawing men to Christ? Are they bettering the world? Or will mankind be aided not a whit by your having tarried here for your span of years?

The three thousand years that have intervened since the birth of Samson have not diminished the gruesome lessons of his life. Samson's record is a warning. His story is a reminder that a man can climb beyond the stars, then sink to the level of ruin in a lifetime.

I see him in the vineyards of Timnath tearing a young lion apart with bare hands. I watch him at Lehi as he falls upon a thousand Philistines and slays them with the jawbone of an ass. I follow him to Gaza and look upon his prowess as he lifts the city gates from their foundation and

walks away with gate, bar, chain and lock. This is Samson, the judge of Israel; Samson, the man great and mighty in valor; Samson, the strongest man who ever lived.

I see him again. A small lad leads him by the hand along the road to the Philistines' temple, where the enemy plans to make sport of him. I come close and study his hideous face. It is seamed with grief. His brow is lined with deep furrows of torment. His eyes have been gouged out. His shoulders are stooped and his back bent and weary. He wears in his wrists the jagged scars made by cruel fetters of brass. This is Samson, the slave; Samson, the miserable failure; Samson, the Old Testament's chief example that in the game of sin nobody wins but the Devil. I stop him on the dusty road. I say, "Samson, what went wrong? How did you ever come to this terrible plight?"

"Do you see these hands?" he replies. "Once they slew a lion. Once they held a whited jawbone and cut down a thousand men."

"Yes! Yes!"

"Once they seized and uprooted the heavy gates of Gaza."

"We have read all about it in the book of Judges. What went wrong?"

"I loved a woman in Sorek. Her rare beauty enchanted me. I was foiled by her enticements. I lost my head. One night we kindled the fires of passion together. I thrust my hands into those flames and watched them shrivel and die. I shall not kill any more lions. I shall prevail no more against the Philistines. No gates shall be loosed from their foundations. My hands are gone! They will not work for me. They are all dried up!"

How many today who "did once run well" for similar reasons have found their spiritual hands absolutely powerless and useless? May God's Holy Spirit make of the truth a dagger for the guilty soul!

Early in my ministry I was called to hold meetings in a small Midwestern town. The custodian of the church was a man of rare quality. He was one of the most inspiring members of my audience. After talking briefly to him one evening, I knew he was college-bred. He spoke like he had once been a man of affairs. He had a tender heart. Any mention of the converts and other victories in the prayer room visibly moved him.

One night after service he came forward and offered suggestions as to how I might improve the message I had just delivered. His comments were helpful. He knew better than I how to get the vital news of the gospel across to the people. I thanked him for his valuable help.

A few nights later he was waiting after the crowd dispersed. In his arms he carried a volume of old sermon notes and manuscripts.

"Young man, I want to give you something." He piled the papers on the rostrum and sorted out one batch of notes. "Preach on this subject. The Lord will use it and give you souls. I want you to have this sermon outline."

I have never been able to use another man's material, and told him so.

"The case is different here," he responded. "The preacher who wrote these sermons will never preach again. I insist that you take them and use them. I have a special reason for asking you to do so."

The next evening during my message I happened to remember something I had read in one of his manuscripts and inserted it. I saw him lean forward in his seat on the back row. A smile played across his lips. He nodded his assent. I saw tears come to his eyes and run down his face. When the service was through, I turned to the pastor of the church and said, "You have an unusual caretaker. What is his background?"

A shadow passed over the pastor's face. "Jack, do you have time to listen to a story?" I told

SHORT WAVE RADIO LISTENERS!

On April 3, Dr. John R. Rice began a series of broadcasts by short wave on radio station HCJB, the



Dr. Rice

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Those within a hundred miles of Greenville, South Carolina, should be able to hear the editor's broadcast on radio WMUU 8:00 to 8:15 Sunday mornings.

him I would take time.

He related how at one time his custodian had pastored the largest church of its denomination in one of the chief cities of the state. His eloquence and fervor were unsurpassed by any of his fellow pastors. He soared like a stellar constellation across the horizon. The city came to his doors and got a glimpse of Jesus. He was a powerful preacher, with a glorious gospel of redeeming grace.

He continued the sordid story. The man turned aside. Lust deceived and brought forth sin. In a moment of thoughtless passion he saw all his castles crumble to the ground in dust and ruin. He thrust his strong and valiant hands into the furnace of immorality and watched the unquenchable flames sear them beyond recovery. He was defrocked and his preaching credentials were taken away. Out of pity this small-town church allowed him to assume the duties of a janitor.

The next night I watched him as he placed the songbooks in the pews for the gathering crowd. I followed with my eye as he dusted off the extra benches and adjusted the heat control so the auditorium would be comfortable. During my preaching I detected a tear glistening on his cheek. I saw his nod of approval as the truth went forth.

When the service ended and the people had gone to their homes and the lights were dimmed, I stood at the pulpit watching the old man attending to a few last minute jobs before retiring. Silently I said, "Gather your songbooks and dust off the benches, old man. Push your broom across the floor and fire your furnace while the faithful go forth to engage in the conflict between right and wrong and bring back the laurels of victory. God will give you reward for these menial tasks you perform, but they shall not be the trophies you would have garnered had you kept clean and stayed true to your high and holy calling."

"Stand Forth in the Midst": Confession

"Behold, how are the mighty fallen!"

What of your hands, friend? Are they strong and able? Are they taking hold and lifting up and conquering? Or have the fires of passion, or greed, or selfishness, or jealousy, or hatred seared them and left them all dried up?

Jesus has entered the temple. He has come by appointment.

And He has come here tonight. Follow closely, for it may be that you are the very person in this audience with whom the blessed Son of God must have a rendezvous! His appointment may be with you tonight!

He approaches the pulpit and

studies the vast throng. Suspense mounts. He is about to begin His sermon. What will it be? Will He repeat the discourse on New Birth He preached in Jerusalem? Will it be the sermon on the Water of Life He brought to the woman at the well? Will He take His text from Isaiah as He did at Nazareth?

But Jesus does not even glance at the large Bible opened upon the rostrum. His eye is fixed on a spot far back under the balcony. There, deep within the shadows, sits a man with a withered hand! Jesus has found His text. He has discovered His sermon. His voice rings out in the Sabbath hour:

"Stand forth in the midst!"

Bible scholars are agreed that bodily disease is used throughout the New Testament to typify sin. The sermon is unfolding. Christ is asking that poor fellow to declare himself and make manifest to all his need and malady. He demands that he show the gathering his wasted hand and allow them to see the nature and extent of his dilemma.

Let me say that the hardest thing any sinner must do is the thing Christ demanded of this man: "Stand forth in the midst!" There is something about sin that wants to hide. When Adam by transgression fell, he sought refuge in the overhanging bowers of Eden. Cain slew Abel, then ran for cover in the fields. Peter, having denied his Lord, fled into the darkness where he would not be found.

Do you remember when you slipped and, succumbing to temptation, committed a dirty, cheap, sinful act? Do you recall how miserable you felt? Like a wounded animal, you wanted to crawl up under the house where no eye might discover you. You wanted to be away from everyone, and have time to lick your wounds. But God has demanded that sin be brought into the open. He wants it confessed before men. He says, "He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy" (Prov. 28:13).

Confession is a divine command in connection with salvation. The divine order is too plainly stated to be misunderstood. "If thou shalt confess... and believe... thou shalt be saved!" (Rom. 10:9). Sin must be uncovered! Revealed! Exposed!

A soul winners' group in the East made me an appointment to speak with a very outstanding political figure in their city about the Lord. I was in his office for several minutes. I gave him the plain plan of salvation and read the Bible promises to him. After serious deliberation he turned to me and said, "Young man, I will accept Christ on one condition.

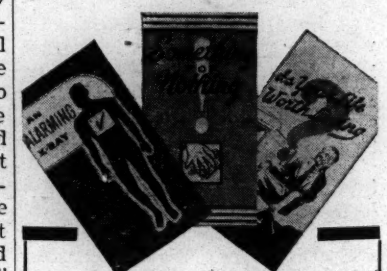
It must be kept secret. It would not do for my friends to get hold of the news. If you pray with me in the privacy of my office, I will receive Christ as my Saviour; but nobody must know about it but us."

I replied, "Friend, God's salvation has not yet become a black-market item! It is still dispensed on the open market, in plain view of all. If you want to be saved, you will have to take the Bible course and come out before men and let the world know you have settled this eternal matter in your heart." The Scriptures still read, "Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven. But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven" (Matt. 10:32, 33).

For all men everywhere, the case today is the same as it was then! God is invariable and His gospel has not changed. He has decreed that sin shall not be covered. "Stand forth in the midst!"

There is a stirring in the audience; the sound of footsteps. A figure emerges from the shadows—bearing a deformed hand! The curious onlookers move aside to let him through. Now at last he stands forward under the scrutiny of what seems to him to be a million pair of eyes. His embarrassment and shame are only diminished by the consuming hope of his heart that somehow his withered hand might be restored.

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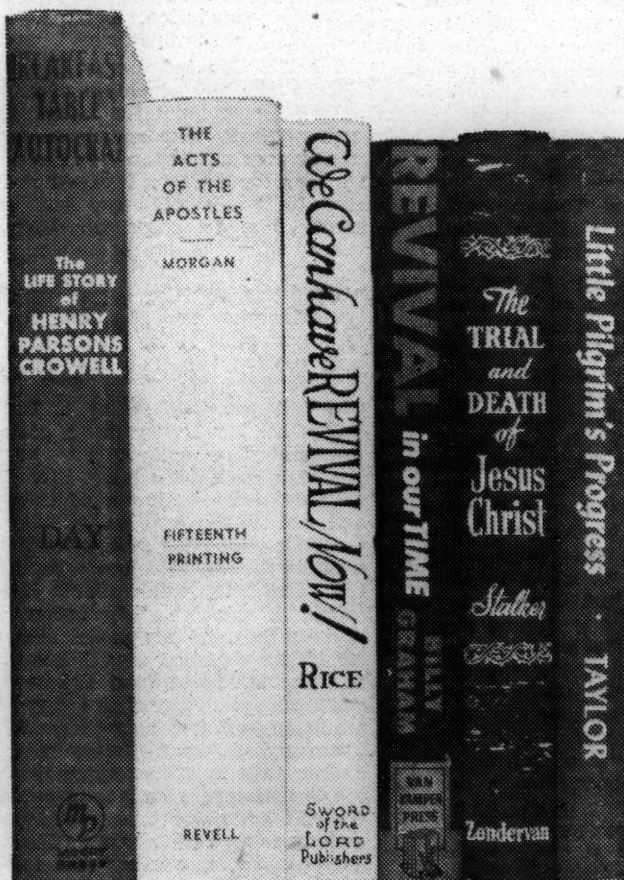
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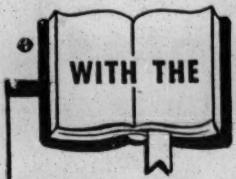
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REPORTS FROM AMERICA'S OUTSTANDING SOUL WINNERS

by Charles T. Lampman

Bob Jones, Sr., at Miami

Evangelist Bob Jones, Sr., recently closed the Greater Miami Evangelistic Crusade in Miami, Florida. Warren Steward, Dr. Rice's song leader, took charge of the musical program.

The crusade director, Jimmie Shelton, reports:

"I have seen four evangelistic crusades in Miami, and I believe that this crusade has been the most successful in every way. We did not attempt to count results, but we do know that there were hundreds that stepped forward to renew their fellowship with Christ, and scores of people that received Him as their Saviour."

"Dr. Bob is a great powerhouse for God, and I believe sincerely that this meeting will long be remembered in the city of Miami. We can safely say over 7,000 different people heard the message of salvation during this crusade."

"God bless you and Warren Steward as you serve Him together. We appreciate your letting us have Warren during our crusade. He was a great blessing to everyone."

Britton in Tennessee

Evangelist Homer Britton (503 Derby St., Chattanooga) sent the following report of his recent meetings.

"God is abundantly blessing in the meetings in which we are being used. We just closed a wonderful meeting in the Unaka Baptist Church in Johnson City, Tennessee, where there were 70 additions to the church both by baptism and

by letter. We are now engaged in a revival meeting in the Calvary Baptist Church of Evansville, Indiana, where Dr. Albert Cullin is the pastor. Our next meeting after the Evansville meeting will be in the First Baptist Church of Oskaaloosa, Iowa."

Rawlings at Springfield

The following letter from Pastor W. E. "Bill" Dowell, High Street Baptist Church, Springfield, Missouri, reports on evangelistic services in his church.

"We have just closed a very fine revival here at the High Street Baptist Church with 64 saved, 100 additions to the church and 34 restorations. John Rawlings from Tyler, Texas, was our evangelist. He is truly a great preacher. We had 1,897 in Sunday school last Sunday."

Larson Blessed in Meetings

Evangelist Joseph T. Larson (4571 Stuart St.) Denver, Colorado, reports a successful series with Rosehill Baptist Church, Derby, Colorado (a suburb of Denver), March 13-25. About 40 souls were dealt with, and 16 for baptism, with more to follow. Pastor and people seemed well pleased with the meetings. This is a new church not over two years old. There were 117 in Sunday school Easter Sunday.

Another series of 10 days was conducted in the new Baptist church of Idaho Springs, Colorado, March 2-11. About 12 souls were dealt with here, and a few came for baptism and membership. The whole town was visited by pastors and members, as well as Evangelist Larson.

Dr. G. E. Caskey Enters Full-Time Evangelism

Dr. G. E. Caskey

When the editor was in Kansas City, Kansas, it was a joy to meet Dr. G. E. Caskey who had recently been ordained to the Baptist ministry in the Berean Baptist Church in Kansas City, Kansas. He is well spoken of by the brethren, and we are glad to have the following announcement from Evangelist Del Fehsenfeld:

"Dr. G. E. Caskey was ordained by the Berean Baptist Church in Kansas City, Kansas. He has been a pastor, radio preacher, evangelist, gospel singer and a dedicated business man to the glory of God since the Lord saved him. My first acquaintance with Dr. Caskey was in a union revival effort at Turon, Kansas. Brother Caskey was pastor of the United Evangelical Church at Sylvia, Kansas, at that time. During the meeting he served as publicity chairman and directed personal work. During the meeting he made a complete surrender of himself to the Lord Jesus Christ. His radio ministry has reached beyond the five-year period."

"Only recently, approximately six months ago, Brother Caskey surrendered to full-time evangelistic work. The Lord has been using him greatly since then. This man of God preaches the gospel. He understands the truth regarding soul winning, separation, Spirit-filled living, the second coming of Christ, salvation through repentance toward God and faith toward the Lord Jesus Christ. He preaches accordingly and saints are stirred and souls saved. Brother Caskey has been in my pulpit several times and each time he has left the testimony that he is in love with the Lord Jesus Christ. Any pastor will find a helper and friend and a real servant to the people of any community in Brother G. E. Caskey. I recommend him without reservation. To do that from my point of view is something I could not and would not do apart from a man being completely yielded to the will of God, the Word of God, and the way of God."

Those who are interested in revival services led by Dr. Caskey, write him % Berean Baptist Church, 4220 Shawnee Road, Kansas City, Kansas.

time when he was away from home, and when he was urged to take his first drink. He remembers even now, as I speak of it, how his hand trembled as he put that cup to his lips, and he thrust his eye to the right and to the left, if haply some face out of the past would come forth to forbid his taking that ill-fated step. And then he had taken his first drink. Oh, that was the beginning of the down-dragging of his life! The first drink is the drink that makes the drunkard—not the last. And the years came on and the habit strengthened. Do I speak to such one here tonight?

There came to my home, a little while ago, one of our citizens for whom I have long felt the deepest religious interest. It was two o'clock in the morning when my doorbell rang, and when I answered, I said to the man: "What on earth brings you here at this hour of the night?" He came into the hall at my invitation, and said: "You can see, can't you?" And I could see. I did see. He was then in the clutches of drink. His fearful habit had its terrible hold upon him at that same hour. Then

he said to me: "I have come because I want to hold your hands, and get down at your knees, and have you swear me in the sight of God that I will break such habit, for I must break it ere it shall utterly break me." Then he said: "I have just come from home. I went home a little while ago, late in the night, and my little wife had one talk with me that broke my heart, and breaks it when I call it to mind. She said to me: 'Husband, you have broken my heart. If you do not desist soon, I shall be gone, for I am completely crushed, even in health, by your course.' And while she was talking," he said, "my old mother heard us, and came from her room across the hall, frail and aged, and put her arms about my shoulders, and sobbed her broken heart out on my neck, and said: 'Son, if you do not quit soon, mother will go to her grave believing that her son is doomed for a drunkard's death.' And no sooner had she talked like that than my little daughter came, in the grip of typhoid fever, where she had been for weeks unable to sit up, and yet she had heard the conversation, and was so moved that the child, just beginning her teens, somehow got to me, ere I knew it, and was clutching at my coat, a little skeleton from her sickness, and she said: 'Papa, you are breaking the hearts of us all, and killing us all. If you do not quit soon, we will all be dead.'"

And the big fellow sobbed aloud and said: "I cannot quit. I am helpless. I am so driven and beaten and weak, I cannot quit." Now, sin does that. You let it loose, you give it the reins, and it will vitiate, it will pull down, and it will deaden and destroy. I repeat again, I do not name that sin because I think it is the worst. There are others, perhaps more deadly, more undoing than that. I take that to illustrate the point that the longer sin is indulged, the more terrible does it become in its power to deaden and harden the heart.

Men Harden Themselves Against God By Fear of the Opinions of Others

How do men and women harden themselves against God? Full many a time they do it through the power of public opinion. The longer I live and study men and women and see their conduct, the more am I convinced of the truth of that solemn saying in the Bible: "The fear of man bringeth a snare."

Oh, what power there is in public opinion! One waits for another. One acts because of another. One is silent because another is silent. Just there comes in the awful peril and power of influence. The man who does not care about his influence over somebody else surely must be a fool or a monster, or both. We must be forever careful about our influence over others, for by our silent influence, day in and out, we are taking people up with us or we are taking them down. We are making it easier or making it harder every day we live for other people to live, as is our influence over them.

You do not wonder that when George Whitefield was converted, he prayed as his first prayer: "O God, forgive me for my wasted influence over other people!" George Whitefield had been a ring-leader in sin. He had led many people astray, but when he had found Christ for himself, he fell down before Him and cried out: "O God, forgive me for my misused influence over other men!" Surely, he could not have prayed a saner prayer than that.

And you do not wonder that still another man, a little while ago, when they told him that he was dying, that his last hour had come, gathered the covering about him and sought to hide his face, and said to the people, out of the pitableness of his condition: "Yes, and when I am gone, as the doctor says I soon shall be, be certain to gather up my influence and bury it in the grave with me." But that is the very thing that cannot be done. Your influence is going on now, and will go on and on, when you shall sleep beneath the flowers. Oh, the power of influence! That ought to give pause to every serious man and woman in the world.

I would rather be nailed up in my coffin, strong and well as I

am this Sunday night, and buried alive, than to live a life that would damn somebody else. Human influence is that serious and that terrible.

I was preaching in a series of meetings in one of our cities some time ago, and I noticed a young fellow, for three or four consecutive evenings, far down the hall before me, a lad, I should say, of some sixteen years. When I asked: "Are there people tonight interested in being saved? Will they lift the hand or stand?" This lad for three or four evenings made response without any delay. Then another evening came, and there he was, but he made no response, and indeed seemed indifferent. Then the next evening came, and I looked for him, and I found him at last, but far to the rear of the hall—evidently indifferent, deliberately indifferent. I could read it in his face. And when the service was concluded that night I hurried around, if haply I might find the young fellow, to have a word with him, and fortunately I found him, and took him aside, so that I could have a word alone. I said to him: "I have seen you in the audience and my heart has been strangely drawn to you. For two or three evenings, you indicated that you wished to be a Christian, and now for these past two evenings you have said by your face and conduct that you are indifferent to such matter. Pray tell me what has happened."

Then he looked up into my face and plaintively said: "I think I had rather not tell you. I was interested," he went on to say. "I was deeply concerned by what you said. I did tell you that I desired to be a Christian, and I meant it, but I have reached a different conclusion. I think I had rather not tell you why."

I said: "My lad, I should not like to take any advantage of you at all. I would not for my right arm wittingly take an advantage of any man or woman who comes to hear me preach. I would not like to be impertinent, but I should like to know what has come to turn you away from facing that open gate to the heavenly world and to the better life. Something has come. I should like to know what it is, that I may help you."

Then he said: "Very well, I will tell you. My father is Dr. So-and-so. My father never goes to church. I never knew of his being at church in all my life. I have decided to follow my father, and not follow you at all. My father is to me the most splendid man in the world"—just what a boy ought to think about his father, if possible. "My father," said the boy, "is my model man. He is the cleverest man I know, and the strongest man I know, and I have made my choice, and I am going to follow my father, and I am not going to follow you. Father says by his example that the Christian religion is not worth while. I am going to say it, too, as long as my father says it. That has changed my course," said the handsome lad.

Oh, wasn't it pitiable, even heartbreaking? I said some other things to him, and among them I said: "Come on to the services, and I will do my best to help you yet, and I will do my best to help your honored father, and want to think about it through the night." My sleep was troubled, the whole night through, about the unusual case, but when the morning came my mind was made up: "I shall go to see the father and introduce myself to him, and cast myself upon God for wisdom to have some words with that father, about what is involved."

And when the morning came I made my way to his office, and fortunately found him alone. I was the first to arrive. When I introduced myself to him and found that he was the man I was seeking, he turned upon me with beaming, searching face, and said: "Certainly, you have not come for yourself. You are evidently not a sick man."

I said: "I have not come for myself at all. I have come to have a word with you about your own boy."

And then he was all alert in his attention, and he said: "Do you know my boy?"

I said: "Slightly."

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The Peril of Resisting God

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goodness. He holds our lives in the hollow of His hand. Every mercy that comes to us in life, from the largest down to the very smallest, He is its giver and sender. He means good, and good only, and not evil at all, to us every one. Oh, how can men and women harden themselves against a Being like that, infinite in kindness and patience and goodness and forbearance toward us?

That is, indeed, a pathetic picture in the earthly life of Jesus. One day He had preached to the people His wondrous words of light and hope and wisdom and love, and as the day wore towards evening, they gnashed upon Him in their rage, and they took up stones wherewith to stone Him, and Jesus turned to the crowd that sought to stone Him and spoke to them these plaintive words: "Many good works have I shewed you from my Father; for which of these works do ye stone me?" That is to say: "Do you stone me because I am telling you the right way to live? Do you stone me because I am counselling you to break with every wrong thing, because wrong brings nothing but hurt, and cannot do good at all? Do you stone me because I point the way of hope and love and life to people groping in the dark? Do you stone me because I speak the words of cheer to people downhearted and fearful? Do you stone me because I open the gates of promise and of hope to people who need a constant and all-helpful Friend? For which of the works that I have done do you stone me?" That is the question that the Master asks tonight of this vast concourse of people assembled in Fort Worth. "Oh, man or woman, not on my side, but on Satan's side, what have I done that provokes you to be against me, your best Friend?" What does your heart answer to such question?

People Harden Themselves

Against God By Continued Sin
How do people harden themselves against God? The ways are many. I may indicate just a few of those ways that are common-

est, and you will think of others that I may not, because of the limits of this hour, mention at all. How do men harden themselves against God? Full many a time do they do so, because of the power of sin that strengthens in the life the longer that such sin is indulged. Human life is not stationary. Men go up or down. Men are constantly climbing or descending in human life. Therefore, God's admonition is given that people shall be saved while they are yet young: "Remember now thy Creator, in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them." The longer that sin is indulged, the mightier, the more strengthful, the more binding does it become in a human life. You may take any sin, no matter what, and the longer that sin is given rein and allowed to run riot like it wishes, the more that sin grows and strengthens.

Take the sin of drink, and I do not mention that because I think it is the worst. Heaven knows that it is bad enough, and yet there may be other sins far worse. But take the sin of drink, for illustration. Do I speak to some man here who drinks, perhaps to excess? Let him not be afraid that I shall speak one cruel word concerning him. I shall not. The rather would I come to him, and stretch out to him a brother's hand, and say to him: "May I not help you?" I would help him if I could. But do I speak to some man here who drinks to excess? Let him retrace his past days, even back to the first day when he began that ill-fated habit. He was probably well-reared. He was warned against the subtle power of the habit of drink. A dear mother, when he went away, pressed her kisses through her tears upon his face, and besought him to steer clear of that undoing habit—drink. And other voices, father's and teacher's, and still other voices, warned him against the deadly peril that there is in the habit of drink. Doesn't he recall it all? And then there came a

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rule we only count reports of conversion which come to us, first hand. We do not report hearsay or indirect reports. These are all individually signed reports, group and revival meeting conversions are not included.

The comments which came with some of the decision forms are so heart warming that we desire to share some of them with our readers. Here they are:

Army "Top-Kick" in Korea Comes to Christ

This letter comes from an army sergeant now in Korea. He writes:

"Dear Sir:

"I was going through some papers today that do not belong to me, which is beside the point. I came across this little booklet of yours called, 'What Must I Do to Be Saved?' I just wanted to express my thanks to you for creating such a booklet. It brought me a lot of happiness. I sincerely with all my heart mean just that.

"I want to become better acquainted with you and also I would like all the religious literature I can possibly be able to get. More than anything else I would like to be able to talk to you but that is impossible. I sincerely want to become a servant to God, like yourself. I would like to know how to do this.

"First I had better explain something about my religious life. I really have never had any, until here about two years ago. I never really got too much out of it, because I guess it wasn't put to me right. In the first place, I am a terrible sinner, or was, and I was wanting to be saved. Then here today I found the way and it was simple. I found your little booklet. I just finished reading it and I am so overjoyed that I just had to write to you, and express my joy. More than anything I want to become a servant of the good Lord, Jesus Christ. You can't imagine how much I want this. They say it is not too late. I am twenty-four years of age, twenty-four lost years! I am a sergeant in this army. But I don't intend to stay with it unless I could be a servant of God in it, which I can't, anyway, not the way I want to serve. If you can show me the way, why you can't know how much it will mean to me.

"I am enclosing the back of this little booklet in this letter. I just had to write and tell you how it made me feel.

"Sincerely yours,"

Sgt. 1st Cl. Conard P. O'Brien

Girl Promises to "Leave Life of a Sinner" to Serve Lord

This fine letter comes from a girl in West Virginia:

"Dear Brother Rice:

"Your book, 'What Must I Do to Be Saved?' which I have just finished reading carefully, has been a wonderful help to me.

"Our church, Judson Baptist Church, on Bill's Creek, is holding revival this week and with the aid of them and your wonderful message of the plan of salvation, I am leaving the life of a sinner and am putting my trust in God wholeheartedly and completely.

"I do believe that Christ died on the cross for my sins. If He loved me enough to suffer all that pain and loss then I am willing to devote the rest of my life to Him.

"I sincerely thank you for your help and I shall pray that many more will see the light as I have seen it.

"I am proud and happy to confess Christ as my Saviour and want you and many more to share my good fortune.

"Pray for me that I might become stronger in His Word and that I may ever trust Him.

"Thank you again,"

(Miss) Barbara Cattrell

Sinful Woman Turns to Christ Finds Forgiveness

This precious letter comes from the heart of a woman in a mid-west state:

"Dear Brother Rice,

"I thought I accepted Christ as my personal Saviour when I was about 13 years old. At that time we lived in a small town (Santa Rosa, Mo.). I attended church regularly, and was happy, and was known as a very nice little girl.

"When I was about 15 years of age, my family moved to Pattonsburg, Mo., and I attended church there.

"I don't know how I got started on the wrong road, but I did. I started going out with boys, a little while after we moved to this town and started going places I had never gone before, like dance halls and hanging around in cafes where beer was sold. I got it in my head, I'd like to know how it would make one feel when they drank this beer and different other drinks. So, as you probably guessed, I decided to find out for myself and I did. Then I started doing it quite often. I got drunk on Saturday night and went to Sunday school on Sunday. This drinking business went on for a long while, and it led to other things, and I thought I was getting by O. K., until I found out I was going to have a child.

"My little red-headed girl is four years old now and will be five in August. I am now twenty-four.

"I have been reading THE SWORD OF THE LORD and I learned things I had never known before. I have been wanting to accept Christ for quite awhile, but I didn't know how to go about doing it until I read your article.

"With all of my heart I accept Christ as my Saviour and I am going to live for Him the rest of my life. I am so very ashamed for all of the very sinful things I have done, and I know He has forgiven me for bringing a small child into this world, for He has blessed me with a wonderful husband, who has taken her for his own. We have been married almost two years, and I have been blessed with a little boy that will soon be a year old. I am going to have another child, and I have trust in my Saviour that He will help me raise my children the best I know how. I think He is a wonderful Saviour and I thank Him so very much and from my heart for the wonderful things He has done for me. I really can't put into words what I do feel, but I think looking forward to the things that have been promised is the most wonderful thing that could ever happen. Every day I thank Jesus for what He has done for me so I am closing this letter, feeling so much better than I ever have before, because I have now accepted Christ as my personal Saviour."

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We rejoice as we prepare these reports from week to week. It is a thrilling thing to watch God working. He does things so sweetly and so completely. But we surely do sympathize with those who pray for the conversion of their loved ones and seem to be up against a stone wall. Nothing they do seems to reach the object of their concern. They wonder if God really wants their loved one to be saved. Just this week we found a word on this subject that we wish to share with the readers of these lines.

Give God A Chance

Our quotation is from a little booklet by the late James H. McConkey, an ardent soul winner, entitled "Give God A Chance." Here is what he said:

"Take this matter of conversion. You have an unsaved loved one. You have prayed for him—for months—for years. He is still outside the kingdom. God has not answered your prayer, you say. But perhaps you are at sea in your view of conversion. Does God bring a soul into His kingdom as you might lift a child over a hedge, or hurl a stone across a stream? Does man's choice have no place in this? It surely does. It matters not by what theological side-path you approach this matter of conversion. One thing is certain, however God may move upon man's will He does not supplant that will. Whatever may be the mystery of God's choice, no soul ever comes into the kingdom without his own choice.

"Hence concerning the conversion of a resisting soul, remember this. God is striving with a human will. But do you know what it is to move upon a human will? This very loved one you have warned. With him you have pleaded. With him you have reasoned. Yet all

Important Memo--

The First Answer!

On March 22 we received this letter asking us to pray for ten unsaved people. "I do wish to send you the names of my relatives and friends and join with you people in prayer. I will write and do my part for those not living here. Those here I will talk with and pray for."

Mrs. A. Pursion
Renton, Wash.

Someone here at Wheaton prayed!

On March 26 we received this letter.

"Thank you again for your prayers. Mrs. C. came to the Lord Friday and was baptized Sunday. Her unsaved husband was much impressed and we are earnestly praying for him... shall make several calls on those I named."

"Praise be unto our risen Lord for answered prayer."

Mrs. A. Pursion
Renton, Wash.

During the "Revival-by-Mail" Campaign we will unite with Christians in prayer for their unsaved friends and loved ones. However we do not want you to send any requests for this prayer meeting except for people you will definitely try to win to Christ, and for whom you will have a special time of prayer every day. But if you have a loved one or neighbor or friend whom you will earnestly try to win to Christ now, by personal conversation, by getting them to promise to read sermons in THE SWORD OF THE LORD, or getting them to read Christian tracts, or taking them to church with you to hear a soul-winning preacher—and if you will have an earnest time of prayer daily for them, then send us their names and we will join you in fervent prayer for their salvation.

We hope you will take this to heart. We will earnestly pray for those you will try to win, if you will send us their names on this basis.

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these years that strong will has stood out against you. Now, at the last, you have given up in sheer despair the attempt to move upon a human will. Do you not realize then what it means for God to do it? God may have heart-idols to overthrow. God may have to foil chosen plans. God may suffer afflictions to come. God must press in upon the man engrossed in the temporal, a growing vision of the eternal. God must needs cherish, woo, disappoint, uplift, bereave, enrich, impoverish,—yea, bring to bear a multitude of influences upon a resisting will ere it yields to Him. But to unstop ears deaf to the voice of God—to open eyes blind to the vision of God—to turn aside wandering feet into the path of God—all this takes time. Therefore—Give God a chance."

But, while we would comfort those who do not see their loved ones converted as promptly as they wish, we would not encourage anyone to be lax in buying up the opportunity to hasten that conversion. Here are four things you CAN do:

1. **Share your SWORD.** Dr. Rice has recently suggested that readers use their own copy of THE SWORD as a soul-winning tool. His suggestions are good. Look them up and put them into practice. How do you know your loved one "won't read the gospel?"

2. **Pray for God's blessing.** Thousands of SWORD readers will be trying for the first time to win a lost soul for Christ Jesus. Perhaps you are in this class yourself. Pray that the Holy Spirit will teach you how to do it. Thousands of lost sinners will be deciding for or against accepting Christ as their Saviour. Pray that they will turn to Him, that He will use you to accomplish it.

3. **Use "What Must I Do to Be Saved?"** Send for 12 free copies of Dr. Rice's God-blessed tract

12 Soul-Winning Helps FREE



"Let him know, that he which converteth the sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins."—James 5:20.

"I SOLEMNLY PROMISE. . ."

Sword of the Lord Publishers
214 West Wesley Street
Wheaton, Illinois

Dear Friends:

1. ☐ Please send me 12 copies of the pamphlet, "What Must I Do to Be Saved?" I solemnly promise that I will give every one of them out within the next month, that I will give them only to people who promise to read them, that I will earnestly urge those taking the tracts to decide for Christ.

2. ☐ I enclose \$_____ for copies of the booklet at \$2 per hundred.

Signed _____

Address _____

City _____ Z _____ State _____

P. S. You may buy as many copies of this booklet as you like at \$2 per hundred.

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(there's a handy coupon elsewhere in this issue). This report tells how 15 persons reported their conversion in a single week after reading this tract. You may have 12 free copies by making a solemn three-fold promise, (1) to use them during the current campaign, (2) to give them only to people who promise to read them, and (3) to earnestly urge those accepting the tracts to accept Christ as their Saviour. Your loved ones may find Christ through this God-blessed tract. It won't cost you anything to try it. Send for your free copies today.

4. **Send prayer requests.** We here at the Sword office agree to pray specially for your unsaved friends and loved ones if you agree to pray for them too, and make an honest effort to win them to Christ. There's a handy coupon elsewhere in this issue.

He said: "I cannot go at ten, because of an engagement for a needed operation at the hospital. When is your next service?"

"This evening, at eight o'clock." Then he looked at me with strength of purpose, and said: "I will be in your service tonight, and will give this matter immediate attention. I think I know what to do, sir. I will see you tonight."

I bade him good morning without another word. I had said all I ought to have said, it seemed, on that first visit. The day wore to nightfall, and I stood up to preach, and my eyes searched the press of people everywhere. Is that father present? Yonder he is. He is just coming in now, and the usher is giving him a chair, far to the rear. That evening I preached to one man. Oh, if we can get him, we are likely to get his fine boy, and we may get many because of the two!

When I had finished my sermon, I simply raised this question: "Is the man here who, on high principle, for his own sake first, and then for the sake of somebody sheltering behind him, will now and here take his step Christward, and give his heart's surrender to the call of Christ? Is he here? Let him come down the aisle and take my hand in token of such surrender to Christ."

And the father was on his feet, and down the aisle he came, and there went through the audience something like an electric thrill, for everybody there seemed to know him and profoundly respect him. Now he had reached me here at the front, and he took my hand, and the first word he said was: "My boy got me. What you told me about my boy this morning got me." And then he went on and said: "When you left me, I shut the door and locked it, and I knelt down in my room and I tried to pray, as I have not done in years, and I said: 'O God, forgive me, for not only am I staying out of the kingdom of God myself,

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Then he said: "Isn't he a fine boy?"

I said: "I should say that I never saw a finer one. My heart is drawn out to him profoundly, and I have come just to have a frank word with you about your boy."

He said: "In what way? To what end?"

Then I said: "I am preaching for a few days in your city."

"Oh," he said, "I see. I have noticed something of it in the daily papers."

I said: "Your boy has been hearing me, Doctor, for several nights, and your boy seemed deeply serious for three or four nights, and indicated his seriousness, and then he deliberately put such matter away. His deliberate purpose was written in his very face and voiced in his conduct, and I sought him out last night and had a word with him. He was exceedingly reticent, and he was grandly

loyal to you, but when I asked him why he had deliberately determined to turn away from the call of Christ and the Christian religion, he made answer that you, his father, were his model, his beau ideal, his pattern, and he had decided to follow you, and not follow me, nor follow anybody else. I have come just to tell you that, and to ask if you do not have too much involved to let the matter stand like it is?"

His face was colorless almost in a moment, and then he walked the room under terrific pressure for another moment, and then he turned to me and said: "That is the heaviest blow, sir, I ever received."

And then I said to him: "Doctor, what do you think you ought to say about it?"

He waited a moment, and said: "When is your next service?"

I said: "At ten o'clock, this morning."

PRAYER REQUEST

Sword of the Lord Revival-By-Mail
Wheaton, Illinois

Dear Christian Friends:

Will you please join me in prayer that the following named lost people will be saved during this Revival-By-Mail? I solemnly promise that I will remember each one of them by name every day in an earnest season of prayer. I also promise that I will earnestly talk to each one and try to win each one to Christ during this special effort. I will earnestly try to do my part, and I want you to help me pray that God will save them.

Signed _____

Address _____

The following are unsaved persons I will pray for and try to win. Please join me in prayer for them.

1. _____
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but I am keeping my own boy out. Has it come to that? Forgive me, and not another hour will I wait to make my surrender, to turn my case over to Christ, the Great Physician, that He may forgive me and save me His own way."

I said to him: "Look, Doctor, behind you!" And there, standing behind him, following him down the long aisle, was that handsome boy, and the boy put his arm around his father's neck, as a little child fondles its mother, and sobbing, said: "O papa, I am glad you came, and I have come too! I wanted to come, and I waited for you."

What if that father had not come? God save the mark! I know fathers who have not come, and the boys have not come, either, and now and then I know a mother—oh, can it be? A mother! Sweetest name of all, next to the name of Jesus! A mother! A mother!—now and then I know a mother who does not come, and her best friend, Jesus, is set aside. By the power of her influence, however silent, she says to the children of her own being: "This great matter of personal religion is not great at all!"

Oh, influence, how many thou art destroying! How many thou art turning away from God! If I am speaking tonight to parents, father or mother, who are not Christians; if I speak tonight to citizens, whoever they may be, not Christians; if I speak tonight to young men or middle-aged, or to one with the gray about his temples, not Christians, oh, my friends, my friends, my friends, I send my voice out after you, do not misuse your influence, and cause it to hurt with eternal hurt the lives of people around you!

By Doubts and Questions Men Harden Themselves Against God

How do people harden themselves against God? Full many a time they do it by raising captious doubts and speculative questions about religion. They do it by asking questions about religion, and asking them superficially, and then not staying to answer them. They say, for example, What if this be not so? And then they do not delve into the matter, to probe it to see if it is so. They say, What if there be no God? They say, What if Jesus Christ be not trustworthy? They say, What if the Bible be not God's guide-book for men, to lead them homeward and heavenward? They say, What if there be no Heaven for the people who will not have Jesus? They say, What if these much talked of matters be not so at all? And then, like an ostrich, they hide their heads down in the sand, and they do not see, and will not face the facts.

I wonder if I speak tonight to some skeptic, no matter how dark and deep his skepticism; to some doubter, to some disbeliever, concerning the things of Christ's holy religion? If I do, I call to him as his brother man, oh, my friend, you can know the facts about Christianity—you can know the facts. If a man be a doubter, a skeptic, an atheist, a materialist, an agnostic, who flings all religi-

ous belief to the winds—if his case be that darksome and that terrible, I come to him tonight to say that he can get light and will get it, if he will just be candid with God.

Professor Bushnell got it—that famous teacher in Yale. In the days when he was a most popular teacher there, and also an outstanding disbeliever concerning religion, a young preacher went to Yale, to preach two weeks. For days and days there seemed to be no response to his preaching. The young fellows heard him, but there was no response heavenward, so far as the minister could tell. A little later he had diagnosed the situation. The young men were hiding behind Professor Bushnell, the most popular teacher in Yale, and the minister sought out Professor Bushnell and said: "Professor Bushnell, if these things that I am preaching are so, wouldn't you like to know it? If Christ be praiseworthy, wouldn't you like to know it? If Christ does change men who trust Him, and forgive them, and put a power superhuman in their lives, wouldn't you like to know it?"

And Bushnell, after a thoughtful pause, said: "Certainly, I would like to know it, if the thing be reliable and praiseworthy."

Then said the minister: "You can know it, if you will just be candid."

"How?" said Professor Bushnell.

"Take Christ's own challenge," said the minister, "and here is that challenge: 'If any man willeth to do the will of God, he shall know of the teaching, whether it is of God.'"

"But," said Bushnell, "I do not know how to start. I do not know that there is any God at all. How could I start?"

Said the minister: "Start like this: 'O God, if there be such a Being, give me light on this matter of religion. If thou hast any interest in my getting light, and if thou wilt give me light, no matter how it comes, I will follow such light wherever it leads! Take that clue, and you will find God.'"

Professor Bushnell said: "I will take it."

Three days afterwards, Bushnell came back and stood on the rostrum of the old chapel and said to his students: "My men, I have a wonderful thing to tell you. I laughed to scorn all that this man preached, and all the rest of them, and the churches. I have found out that I was in the darkness and they were in the light. Oh," said Bushnell to his students, "I have put God to the test, and I know that He is the Saviour, and I am henceforth His disciple and friend forever."

Men can know, my fellowmen, whether Christ and His gospel are true. I see this challenge of Jesus put to the test and gloriously found out, week after week. It was my privilege a few weeks ago to speak for five days to the students of our State University at Austin—a really great university, which should have the loyal support of every citizen in our State. While there, I was not only speaking publicly—I was dealing pri-

Important Memo--

They Will Help Us

This letter made our hearts happy this week.

"Our prayer meeting group at the West Side Baptist Church in Coshocton is studying the Moody personal soul-winning course. At tonight's midweek service the prayer group decided to join your 'Revival-By-Mail,' and so to start with I'm sending for 100 of your tracts, 'WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?'"

"Each one taking part agreed to give the tracts only to those who promise to read them, and they will give them out within the next two months. The group also made out a prayer list of 74 lost souls for whom we are consolidating our prayers. We, too, covet your prayers for this list of 74. In addition, each has promised to ask the Lord to lead them to some lost soul to invite to church services next Sunday."

"May the One who came to seek and save that which is lost abundantly bless your 'Revival-By-Mail' Campaign."

HOWDY HOUSE, Pastor
Coshocton, Ohio

We want to make it easy for every reader of THE SWORD OF THE LORD to win some precious soul during our special revival campaign. Here is our suggestion. WE WILL SEND YOU ABSOLUTELY FREE 12 copies of Dr. Rice's famous booklet, "WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?" Millions of copies of this pamphlet have been distributed in several languages. It shows that all are sinners, shows how to be saved, answers questions, brings sinners to decision. There is a decision form which one who is ready to turn from his sins and accept Christ may sign, copy and mail to us. There is a handy coupon elsewhere in this issue. Use it today!

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vately with those scores and hundreds of young men and women. There sought me out one day one of the seniors in the law class, and he said to me: "All that you are preaching and all that religion proclaims is as dark to me as the darkest midnight."

I said to him: "If there be reality and truth in the religion of Christ, wouldn't you like to know it?"

He said: "Indeed, I would. I would like to know the truth, whatever it is."

Then I said: "I will give you a clue. Tell God, if there be one, that you want light, if He has any concern for you to have it, and tell Him that if He will give it, no matter what it costs, nor where it leads, you will follow that light, and you will find it."

It was not long until he came back from his quest, his face shining like the morning, with this public confession: "I have found out in my heart that God is, and what is better, I have found out that God has forgiven me and saved me."

Yes, yes, men can find the way of light if they will only be candid. If you are in trouble about questions religious, come with absolute candor and say: "Lord God, here I am, an eternity-bound being, and I want light from God, in God's way, and if He will give it, I will walk in it," and you will get light.

Self-Righteousness Hardens The Heart Against God

How do people harden themselves against God? They do it through the theory that they will save themselves. The thought of their own self-salvation leads many, it is to be feared, to harden their hearts. And what shall I say at that point? Can any man save himself? Can any woman save herself? Can a soul wrong with God save himself? Such soul can cross the storm-swept ocean from one shore to the other on a straw for a boat as easily as you can save yourself without the grace and mercy of God. O soul, if a sinner could have saved himself, then Jesus, the Son of God, would not have come down from Heaven and died on a cross, the most horrible death that earth hath ever known. If a sinner could have saved himself, that cross is a work of supererogation, that cross is a mistake and a crime. Because sinners cannot save themselves, therefore did Jesus come. And when He comes He tells us, "I am the way, the truth and the life. No man cometh unto the Father but by me." He tells us, "Marvel not that I tell you, unless you are born again, you cannot even see the kingdom of God." He tells us, "Except you repent, you shall all likewise perish." He

tells us, "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved." O soul, never, never can you save yourself! Do not be hardened in heart at that vital point.

Judging and Accusing Christians To Excuse Self, Hardens the Heart

How do men and women harden themselves against God? Full many a time they do it on this wise: They do it by looking around them, and pointing their finger at alleged poor Christians and hypocrites, that they can find all about them, on the right hand and on the left, and in that way they harden themselves against God. And what shall I say at that point? Are these who are unbelievers able to put their finger down on poor Christians all about them? Are these who are unbelievers able to put their finger down now and then on some hypocrite in the church? Are they able to do it? God pity us, yes, they are! And are there poor Christians in the churches, and is there now and then some pretender in the churches? God save the mark, yes, yes! But what of that? Oh, come now, I pray you, be consistent. Will you throw all the money away, because there are counterfeiters in the land molding false money? Will you throw the good money away, because counterfeit money is sometimes in circulation? Come now, will you throw all the fruit away because you discover some decaying fruit there in the basket or the barrel of fruit that you purchase? Pass it on up higher. Come now, will you fling your soul out into the night which will never have any morning, because somebody around you is not living a Christian life like that Christian life ought to be lived?

I call your attention yet a moment more to this serious point. God calls your attention to it in this solemn language. Listen to Him. I quote it now, "Therefore thou art inexcusable, O man, whatsoever thou art that judgest: for wherein thou judgest another, thou condemnest thyself." Are you able to put your finger down on some faulty, defective Christian, or

some arrant pretender? What of that? Jesus looks down upon you and says, "After I died for you, and offer to save you with my everlasting salvation, will you discard me and destroy yourself, because somebody around you does not live up to the proper standard of the Christian life?" O soul, be done with such trifling!

Procrastination, Delay Hardens One Against God

How do people harden themselves against God? Most of all, I think, just at this point, namely, at the point of procrastination. They tell us truly that procrastination is the thief of time. Ah, me! it is so much worse than that. Procrastination is the thief of human souls. Procrastination steals human souls away from hope and life and eternal peace. All about us there are men and women wrong with God, and when they are approached, they will confess it; they will grant their duty and their need; they will express their desire; they will confess frankly that they desire to be saved; they will tell you promptly: "I mean some day, and not far off, to give my soul its proper attention." But they drift with the tide, and through the power of procrastination not only is time stolen, but their souls are stolen, and thus are they finally lost. Oh, the tragedy of it—the tragedy unspeakable of such procrastination!

When that ill-fated ship went down long years ago, the Royal Charter—a ship in its time corresponding to the Titanic, that was wrecked a little while ago in mid-ocean—when the Royal Charter was burned, that strong ship had toured the waters of the world, and had on board a distinguished company of passengers, and they were to land finally on their return voyage at Liverpool, and great preparations were being made in Liverpool to welcome them home. Many of the passengers were Liverpool citizens, and homes were being put in order, and, indeed, the whole city was being put in order to welcome the returning and cherished passengers. And yet on that last night,

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Dr. Bob Jones Says:

Just recently we had a very interesting letter from Warren Steward, an alumnus of Bob Jones University, who is director of the music in the very fine evangelistic campaigns which are being conducted by our good friend, Dr. John Rice. Warren writes:

"We have been having a good meeting here. I have met more Bob Jones University people in the past few days than at any time since I visited the school. God is using mightily the Bob Jones University people. The pastor of the church where we are holding our meeting is a Bob Jones University boy and doing an up-and-coming work. An outstanding chalk artist was in our meeting for four nights; she is a Bob Jones University graduate. ----- and -----, two outstanding pastors in nearby towns are Bob Jones University boys. -----, a Bob Jones University boy, is pastor at -----, near here. ----- and his wife, both outstanding members in the church here, are Bob Jones University young people. I attended a large evangelical ministerial meeting this morning with Dr. Rice, and there were five Bob Jones University boys present including Evangelist Jimmie Johnson and Evangelist Jimmie Mercer. Believe me, the school is touching all parts of the country. I was just told that the Assistant Pastor for ----- is a Bob Jones University boy, plus ----- the Assistant Pastor for ----- here, and also the Assistant Pastor at -----. God is marvelously using these young people. You have a great deal to be proud of and to praise God for. I thought that these things would make you happy."

In the above letter, Warren Steward names thirteen Bob Jones University students who are located in one section of a northern state. I asked the bookkeeper to check this list of thirteen and see how many of these students had to have some financial assistance in order to attend Bob Jones University. I find that more than

half of the group he named had to have a part work/loan scholarship in order to attend Bob Jones University. We have mentioned only two names that Warren quoted in his letter. One is Evangelist Jimmie Johnson and the other is Evangelist Jimmie Mercer. These two evangelists are leading thousands of people to the Lord Jesus Christ. We did not have to help Jimmie Johnson financially, but Jimmie Mercer could not have attended Bob Jones University without financial assistance. I am sure that Jimmie Mercer does not mind my telling you Christians this and that he would be glad to tell you the same thing.

Now, my friends, remember that we could never have helped these young people if it had not been for the financial cooperation which Christian people gave us. Please remember that we are endeavoring to raise a million dollars as a Student Loan Endowment Fund so no student who can be trained for Christian leadership will have to be denied the opportunity of attending Bob Jones University because he is not able to pay all of his expenses. We have worked out a system of helping young people that really works. We are looking to you Christian friends to help us reach the million-dollar goal so if the Lord tarries, Bob Jones University will be in position to carry on the kind of work we have been doing ever since the school was founded. Remember, we are endeavoring to raise half of our goal, which is \$500,000 by the time this school year closes. We haven't much time, as the school year closes May 30. If you have already sent a contribution, try to send an additional amount. If you haven't sent anything, please send something right away. Please everybody pray for us. Thank you and God bless you.

BOB JONES, Founder
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just a few hours before they reached Liverpool, the ship caught fire, and despite all the efforts to save it, the ship sank to the depths of the sea, nearly all of the passengers drowning with the sinking ship. Only a few escaped to tell the terrible story. The morning came, and all Liverpool was agog with interest to welcome the people, not knowing of the sinking of the ship, and then the few survivors came ashore and told the awful story to the people. Then the story had to be carried to the homes in Liverpool.

Dr. W. M. Taylor, one of the first ministers of his generation, tells us that he was commissioned to carry the story of the sinking ship to one of his families, and to tell the little wife that her devoted husband and the father of her children would come back to his earthly home never again. The minister said he went on such journey with his heart in his throat, and when he reached the home and rang the bell, a little flaxen-haired girl came and welcomed him laughingly, and merrily said: "Dr. Taylor, papa is to be here, and mamma is getting him a fine breakfast, and you will stay, and I will run and tell mamma." And she scampered away to tell her mother, and then the mother came in and gladly bade him welcome, and said: "Oh, you have come at the right time! Husband is to be here in a few minutes." And then she started back. She said: "What on earth is it, Dr. Taylor? What has happened? Do not keep me in suspense. Why do you look like you look?" And he took her hand in his and said: "Little woman, I am the bearer of evil tidings. The ship has gone down, just a little distance from the shore, down to the depths of the sea, and your husband is drowned there with the rest." She looked at him a moment, he said, and her face turned pale with the whiteness almost of the snow, and rigid like a stone, and then she uttered one piercing cry and fell unconscious at his feet. This was her cry: "O God, he got so near home, and yet will never come!"

That is the parable, and that is the picture of men and women in this gospel land of ours, who hear, and who feel, and who know, and yet who, through procrastination, will miss the upward way. O soul, do not longer procrastinate! Do not longer delay with this eternally important matter of your personal salvation.

Who Ever Prospered Who Hardened Himself Against God?

I have a moment more to ask your attention before we shall go, and you will give it the best attention you can, despite the passing, ringing fire bells—a moment more, and you will give your earnest attention, for the text is not quite done. What shall I say? Listen to the text again. "Who hath hardened himself against God, and hath ever prospered?" Do you know one who hath hardened himself against God and hath ever prospered? Do you know one? Oh, that word "prosperity" is a charmed word! That word "prosperity" is a hypnotic word. For prosperity men rise early and toil late. For prosperity men sail the rolling seas, men tunnel the mountains, men seek to make every sort of discovery, in order that they may win prosperity. What is prosperity? What a charmed word it is! There can be no real and abiding prosperity if we set ourselves to neglect God and His proffered salvation of our needy souls.

"Who hath hardened himself against God, and hath ever prospered?" Do you know one? Do you know one who hath set himself against God and stayed so set, and yet has really prospered? Do you know one? Did Cain prosper, who took his brother's life? See him as he went a pariah into the forest! Did King Saul of old prosper? Did Balaam prosper? Did Ananias and Sapphira prosper? Did Judas, who sold Jesus for thirty pieces of silver? Do you know one of your acquaintances who has hardened himself utterly against God, and has really prospered?

Let me tell you how one of the chiefest business men of the West died a little while ago. He had his son to sit beside him, and said to the rest: "I have some words with my son," and holding that son's hand in his own frail, dying hand, he said to his son: "Son, you are holding the hand of the greatest failure of any man of the West." And the son said: "No, no, father; your name on the wires would make the business world quiver throughout the great West." He said: "Very true, my son, but I have lived as though time and the world were all, and I am dying now with unpreparedness, and all is dark. I am the greatest failure of all, for I have lived simply for earth and for time."

One of the best known citizens of Texas, who gave his heart to Christ when he was nearly eighty years old, said to me the last time I saw him, just before his departure—and his name is a household word in Texas: "O sir, my life was almost totally lost. I did not come to Christ till right in the fag end of life. I did not come until the sun was going down in the west. Yes," he said, "Christ has saved me, but, oh, to think, sir, that I have given nearly all my life to the wrong side! Doesn't the picture make your heart shudder?"

What is the conclusion of this whole matter? I sum it up in some final sentences. There can be no real and abiding prosperity for a human soul that is set against God, no matter how much he claims, no matter how wide his swath of power may seem to be, no matter who he is. There can be no real and abiding prosperity, if the human heart be set with disobedience against God. At last

DO THINGS

YOU NEVER DID BEFORE...

Now is the time for you to become a soul winner! During the SWORD "Revival-by-Mail" Campaign it will be easier for you to win your unsaved loved ones and friends than ever before. Pray about it. Lend them your SWORD. Ask them to read the gospel sermon. Urge them to sign the decision blank. Or, if you prefer, send for 12 free copies of "What Must I Do to Be Saved?" Get the lost to promise to read a copy and sign the decision blank. Do things you never did before. God is waiting to bless!

it comes down to ashes, and it cries with one of old, "My soul feedeth on ashes." And mark you this, my men and women; mark you this: When the battle of the soul is finally lost, all is lost. There are some battles that can be regained, but not the battle of the soul finally lost. Therefore Jesus' arresting question, "What shall it profit a man if he shall gain the whole world and lose his own soul?" Some losses have compensations, but the final loss of the soul has no compensation. When Francis the First lost the battle of Pavia, he got his broken, scattered men together, and sobbed like a child with them, and said, "Men, we have lost all but honor"; but having honor left, they could go to the battle again. Some losses have compensations, but not the final loss of the soul. Some losses can be repaired, but not this loss. If you shall take your way down into death and into eternity, without making a surrender true and honest to Christ, the battle is lost. Christ himself so tells us, "Ye shall die in your sins: Whither I go, ye cannot come."

What arguments shall I marshal this night to summon this audience to give the right attention to the call of Christ for the salvation of the human soul? What arguments shall I marshal? Shall I talk about duty? Here is your first duty—to see after the safety and welfare of your soul. Shall I talk about need? He is your chiefest need. More than you need money and position and friends and health, and even physical life, do you need to be a Christian. Shall I talk about influence? Your position for Christ shall help others upward, and your position against Him shall take others downward. Shall I talk about happiness? Here is your supreme happiness. Shall I talk about usefulness. Oh, what can compare with living a life so as to be useful in the broadest and deepest and most constructive way?

Oh, my friends, my friends, harden not your hearts against Christ! Before I let you go away very soon I am going now to ask: Has this vast audience made peace with Christ? Have the men and women before me, who have heard with such patience and attention to-night, for which I thank you so gratefully, made their peace with God? Are the men and women under the sound of my voice at peace with God, through Christ?

Now this night, before you sleep, even here and now, as you stand to manifest your desire to be saved, as the Lord liveth, if you will honestly surrender your case to Christ, you shall here and now be born again. No matter what your fears, your sins, your weaknesses, your doubts, your temptations—no matter what was your yesterday, no matter what your today, no matter what shall be your tomorrow, you shall be saved, forgiven, born again, as the Lord liveth, if you will honestly surrender your case to Christ. End once and forever the great matter by your personal acceptance of

Christ as your Saviour, just now, while we pray.

The Closing Prayer

And now, O Lord, ere the crowd disperses, we would gather up every life, and as best we can present it to God, and pray Him in Christ's name to put His hand of mercy and forgiveness and salvation on every needy life in this vast throng. Here, all about us, are men and women who say to us: "We are wrong with God and know it, and we wish to be right with Him." O God, teach them now that it is Christ who makes the case right. Teach them that no man can work the great change which a sinner in God's sight must have, in order to meet God in safety and peace. Teach them now that salvation is of the Lord. Grant that now all these interested men and women may turn to Christ, and before they put their heads upon their pillows to sleep to-night, say simply: "Here, Lord, we give ourselves to thee, 'tis all that we can do." Thank God, it is all Christ asks, but He asks that. He asks for honest, absolute surrender. May every seeking soul answer Him back: "Then I give it. With my doubts and fears and sins and difficulties all, I will surrender to Him. Living or dying, no matter what may come, I will surrender my case forever to Christ, the appointed righteousness and Saviour for needy, helpless sinners." Lord, let these men and women, a multitude about us, thus surrender to thee to-night. And if in this presence there were those too hesitant and timid to express their desire to be saved, but whose hearts do wish to be right with God, O, draw them, too, and save them, too. And if in this presence there is one man or woman or child indifferent to Christ's call, indifferent to Christ's death, indifferent to the inevitable day of personal death, indifferent to human influence, indifferent to the testing that is coming at God's judgment bar, indifferent to the life to be lived here and to the death that shall follow such life, indifferent to eternity—O, our Father, if there be one to-night in the great press about us who is indifferent to these high calls of heaven and of God, by the power of thy Spirit teach and lead such one to-night to be profoundly concerned to find the true way to live and to serve God. And may this mighty throng be bound as one life about the heart of God, so that it shall be well with every one, living, dying, and beyond forever. Deepen this work in all our hearts. Time flies. Sin is busy, and death works all about us. Remind us profoundly, O Lord God, that to-day is the day of salvation, that to-day is the day of grace, that to-day is the day of spiritual opportunity. God give us to seize to-day, and to use it like we ought, to use it even while we can.

And now, as the people go, may the blessing of God, even of Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be granted you all and each, to abide with you forever. Amen.

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You have read the tremendous sermon, "The Peril of Resisting God," by the late Dr. George W. Truett. Now let the editor say a word. I wish you could have heard

that giant preacher as the editor heard him. What a moving, persuasive voice, wooing, tender, commanding, tragic, pleading! Dr. Truett has gone to Heaven, but his sermon lives on.

Now let the editor urge you, if you are unsaved, to end forever, this moment, your wicked resistance against God. How can you ever prosper if you harden yourself against God? I beg you in Jesus' name to repent today, beg Jesus for forgiveness today, give Him your heart's love, your trust, your full surrender this moment.

If you will trust Christ as your Saviour, will turn your heart to Him and depend upon Him this moment for forgiveness of all your sins and the eternal salvation of your soul, then I beg you, tell Christ so in your heart this moment! Then sign your name to the solemn decision just below, copy it in a letter and mail it to me at once and go on record before God and men in this matter. I will write you a letter of encouragement and instruction, and God will make your heart glad. Decide, then sign, then copy it and write me today!

Evangelist John R. Rice, Editor
THE SWORD OF THE LORD
Wheaton, Illinois

Dear Brother Rice:

I have read Dr. Truett's sermon on "The Peril of Resisting God." I realize that I am a poor, lost sinner who needs forgiveness and salvation. I believe that Christ died for me, that He loves me and wants to save me. Therefore, I here and now, once for all, turn my heart to Jesus. I confess to Him my sinfulness, my need. I accept His promises that He will forgive my sins and save my soul. Here and now I trust Him as my own personal Saviour and by His grace I will claim Him openly and try to live for Him.

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Withered Hand

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"Stretch Forth Thy Hand": Take by Faith

Again the voice of Christ is heard in the temple:

"Stretch forth thy hand!"

That is faith's call. The impossible is demanded. The trouble with the hand is that it will not stretch forth. It is paralyzed and powerless.

But faith does not hesitate in the face of impossible circumstances. Faith knows that back of every command of Christ rests the omnipotence of the throne of God to guarantee power to carry it out. A man may be bound by a thousand chains, but if Christ calls him to liberty all the chains in the world cannot keep him captive.

Every eye is upon the man who now stands in the midst of the multitude. He has declared his need. He has shown to all his malady. He hears the divine order. A strange excitement races through his veins. He will try! He will attempt it! Not in his own strength, but in the strength of that One whose voice commanded it. The twisted hand is straining—it is moving; writhing, stretching forth! A miracle has happened! The Bible puts it simply:

"And his hand was restored as whole as the other!"

I wonder how that fellow felt when he shook hands after the service. I wonder what the sensation was as he placed his new hand upon the latch of the door and felt it respond to his touch. I think I know! It took such a miracle of God's grace to restore my soul one dark night in south Tennessee, when I, as a student at Bob Jones College, stood forth in the midst and laid bare my withered heart!

The sermon is over and the crowd is gone. The temple lamps long since have ceased to glow. Yet the even tread of the Galilean still may be heard by those today

who stand in need of miracle. He is ageless and eternal, and His cure is ever with Him.

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I show you other hands tonight. They are not withered. They are not weak. They are the hands of God's anointed. They are the hands of Him who lived, and died, and who lives again to conquer all man's foes and put to flight his fears.

Inspect those hands. They are calloused. They held rude beams and mallets in a Nazareth carpenter shop. They are tearstained. They felt the falling tears that flowed from a broken heart on Olivet that day He wept over Jerusalem. Everywhere blind eyes were, those hands went. They followed the deaf, the dumb, the diseased. Blind eyes couldn't stay blind when those hands touched them. Deaf ears just had to hear when those hands came in contact with them. For they were healing hands!

They are saving hands! They reached down from Heaven one day and touched Saul of Tarsus and transformed that murderer into an indomitable saint. They discovered John Newton in the galley of a slave ship, and when they graced his broken spirit he picked up a pen and from his new heart there flowed the song,

Amazing grace! how sweet the sound,
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found;
Was blind, but now I see.

They are nail-pierced hands! They bear in themselves the badge of complete and absolute authority: a diamond-shaped scar! None can stand against their command. When they order fetters to be snapped asunder, they must be broken! When they command sin to be removed, not one stain can remain!

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Going After Sinners

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pian eunuch, treasurer under Candace, queen of Ethiopia. And this great statesman was reading from a hand-written scroll the prophecy of Isaiah, and pondering the message in the fifty-third chapter where Christ is pictured as bearing our sins. It was really not difficult to win the Ethiopian eunuch to Christ. He insisted that Philip get into the chariot and ride with him and explain the Scriptures. So Philip "began at the same scripture, and preached unto him Jesus." Then the eunuch, trusting Christ and sure of his salvation, asked to be baptized. And after the baptism, Philip was caught away. There was nothing remarkably difficult about winning the man. He was already under conviction, he was already reading the Bible, he asked what the Scriptures meant. He had gone to Jerusalem to worship, and his heart was hungry. Nearly anybody who was at hand and ready could have taught the man how to be saved. It is rather shocking to think that the twelve apostles at Jerusalem had not found the man, or that not a single Christian there had told him how to be saved. But the great virtue in Philip's action was that he simply went after the man and won him. You see, going is the main part of soul winning.

It was so about the conversion of Cornelius in Acts, chapter 10. Cornelius and his household were all convicted. They were all feeling their need of salvation. They were fasting and praying. Anybody could have told them how to be saved. Just as soon as Peter said to them, "To him give all the prophets witness, that through his name whosoever believeth in him shall receive remission of sins," they were all converted and Peter never did get to preach the big sermon he had prepared! You see, the deciding thing was that Peter, though with great reluctance, had gone to tell them how to be saved. It was harder to get Peter ready to win Cornelius than it was to get Cornelius and his household saved.

Naaman the Syrian, the great captain of the host who was a leper, was saved because a little Hebrew captive maid insisted that there was a prophet of God in Samaria who could recover him of his leprosy. Naaman went for healing of his leprosy and found also the healing of his soul (II Kings 5). We do not suppose that there was any special eloquence in the little girl's talk, nor any wonderful logic in her argument. But she took up the matter and urged until it was brought to Naaman's attention, and the man's body was healed and an immortal soul was saved! You see, the initiative must be with the Christian. God wants saints to seek for sinners.

The Greatest Soul Winners Are Those Who Simply Work At Soul Winning

It is sometimes almost comic the way people try to account for the success of great soul winners. How many learned men marveled about D. L. Moody! They could never see the secret of his power! Since he seemed not to be a great preacher by human standards, since he did not have much education, and since his language was often ungrammatical and his voice rather abrupt and sharp, they could not understand how he won so many souls! You see, people nearly always want to think that soul winning is done by human talent, or by eloquence, or personality. Actually D. L. Moody won many, many souls because he worked hard at that business. For long years he earnestly tried to win one soul a day in personal contact. Even after he was a great preacher winning multitudes, he earnestly sought out individuals and tried to win them every day in personal conversation. And that directness and urgency he carried over into his preaching.

An English newspaper said that Mr. Moody "had the faculty of precipitating decision." Actually, in every sermon he plunged right into the main point, either getting Christians to win souls, or getting sinners to trust Christ. He was so direct and urgent and enthusiastic and insistent that the blessed Holy

Spirit could use him in getting people saved.

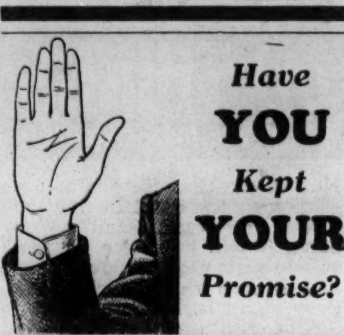
Somebody has said that Billy Sunday was God's joke on the preachers. He evidently meant that the things most preachers value so highly; for instance, scholarship, dignity, clerical bearing, etc., seemed foreign to Billy Sunday, yet Billy Sunday got the work done that multitudes of other preachers would have liked to do. I think God meant to show that it is not learning, not scholarship, not human eloquence, not stained-glass windows and pipe organ music and robed choirs and Gothic cathedrals that get people saved. God simply blesses every honest effort where willing feet and a burning heart go after men and run them down for Jesus Christ! If you really believe that a holy urgency of heart, along with the power of the Holy Spirit put in eager hands and feet and voice that are willing to go to any extreme to get the gospel to people and to urge them and compel them to decision of Christ, are the main things God wants, then you can understand all the great soul winners. The great soul winners are simply people who work hard at getting people saved and have God's power to bless their tremendous toil.

One of the greatest soul winners America has seen was John Vassar. He was not a preacher; he simply called himself the Master's shepherd dog, sent out to seek out lost sheep. Pastors would invite him to come to their town to help in revival services. The pastor would do the preaching, but John Vassar would talk to every soul in town. He would weep, he would plead, he would be insulted; but he plodded on from house to house cheerfully, lovingly, in relentless pursuit of sinners! In the public services he might exhort, or start an old song and plead for sinners to come to Christ. But mainly his work was with individuals. He really ran men down for God. Multiplied thousands were won by that simple, rather unlettered, soul, in the last half of the last century.

In Dallas, Texas, on the evening of June 25, 1933, I preached in an open-air revival campaign on "How We Can Win One Thousand Souls By Christmas." I suggested that in the six months, from June 25 to December 25, we should set ourselves in that young church recently organized to win a thousand people to Christ. I told my people it could not be done in the Sunday services alone. Probably it could not be done in our open-air revivals alone. We planned to have Sunday afternoon open-air services in Marsalis Park by the zoo. We planned visitation in the tuberculosis hospital and the city hospital. We planned street services. We planned house-to-house visitation. But mainly I insisted that each Christian must set himself a goal and dedicate himself to the soul-winning business. I called for volunteers, and thirty-three people that night stood, agreeing, each one, to set a goal for himself and try to win a definite quota of people to Christ within the six-month period.

I remember that my good wife, deeply moved, agreed to try to win fifty people in the six months. She had five children in the home, and she taught a class of young women, besides other duties as a pastor's wife; but she felt that she ought to win at least fifty people in six months' time in personal contact. When the six months had ended, she had a record of about 101 or 102 people whom she had led to trust in Christ, or backsliders who had returned from their life of sin to live for God.

One seamstress, a little woman of only high school education and no special Christian training, had a burden of heart to win one hundred souls. She had never even taught a Sunday School class. Yet she began a vigorous plan of personal visitation in the homes winning souls. By Christmas time she had won a few more than 150! Two or three days after Christmas, when reports were all in, I had a record of 1,005 people who had



confessed Christ as Saviour, or who had returned from a life of backsliding and sin to serve the Lord anew. And most of them had been won by earnest, pursuing Christian workers who sought them out and found them, and pleaded with them to be saved, and showed them how from the Word of God.

In our watch night service on New Year's Eve the little seamstress made a vow to God. She had learned what could be done by earnest, personal soul-winning effort. She said she felt she ought to win five hundred souls within the next year. And what joy she was all the year to her pastor's heart! How many, many people she brought to the services and then brought to the pastor to make public profession of faith in Christ. She won men and women, young people and children. At the year's end, in another New Year's Eve watch night service, she rose and with many tears confessed that she had failed the Lord. She had hoped to win five hundred souls. "And I could have done it, too, if I had been as faithful as I should have been," she said. She had won only 360 people to Christ in the year's time, and she felt very sad! And as I think about it, my heart is deeply ashamed for all the preachers who in a life-time ministry hardly win that many, and that

Christian woman who had never been to a Bible institute, nor had any special training, and did not even teach a Sunday School class, had won some 360 people to repent of their sins and avow their faith in Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord! I am saying that great soul winners are simply people who work hardest at the business of going after sinners.

May I mention another soul winner in that great church of which God made me the pastor in Dallas, Texas. I baptized him. He was a young man of ordinary background. He finished high school, I believe, but with only ordinary grades. He had had no special Christian training. However, under my preaching of the urgent duty of every Christian to win souls, his own heart had taken fire and he began to work at soul winning. In how many ways he put me to shame! He would go down to domino parlors, interrupt men at their play and their drinking, give them tracts and talk to them about their souls. He seemed to me even to be untactful, and I feared he would repel some. But his sincerity, his urgency rather compelled respect instead.

When the Texas Centennial World's Fair began at Dallas, he longed to be able to do personal soul winning among the crowds who attended. He would work a few days and save a little money, then go and spend a day at the fair and do personal work. At first I furnished him the booklets to give away. Later his brother-in-law said, "If you will do that work for you and me both, I want to furnish your board. You stay at my house, eat at my table and work at soul winning." I was so convinced of his faithfulness that I bought him a season ticket to

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the fair grounds. So he did every day a full day's work in the fair grounds. With another young man of like mind, he would spend the entire day talking to people, giving out the booklet, "What Must I Do to Be Saved?" to all who would agree to read it. A Jew running a concession of dancing girls protested vigorously against the young man giving out the booklets and talking to people about their souls in front of his show. "You will hurt my business!" he said excitedly. But my young friend talked to him so earnestly and fervently about his own soul that the Jewish man threw up his hands and said, "Go ahead! Talk to anybody you want! You are doing more good than I am."

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What About Romance? If you want the right crowd to shun you, just let it be known that you want to form a gruesome twosome. Most young people are not stupid about cupid—but neither do they want anything to do with wolves of either sex! Best rule for always: Have good, wholesome, Christian fellowship with as many as you can. Get to know everybody. Be friends with everybody. Try to be a blessing to everybody. Leave it up to the Lord whether anything further is to come of it. When He picks 'em, they're right!

Be a good Sport. No one enjoys a camper who is eternally grouching about this or that. Few enjoy the one-sided brethren who are either wild Indians, bookish bores, or spiritual sob sisters. All appreciate the individual who makes the best things, and enters into a wholesome, hearty enjoyment of

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Going After Sinners

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everybody else had, and then talked to the policeman about his soul for half an hour and the policeman was converted!

At the end of the season, my young friend and his partner brought me a list of more than five hundred people, with names and addresses, who had claimed to trust Christ as Saviour under their personal work. How many of them went on to serve the Lord? Of course I do not know. But I know that the impact on many was the touch of God that meant the difference between life and death, between Heaven and Hell. I baptized many of the converts he won.

I wish I could impress it tremendously on your heart, that people go to Hell because we do not go after them.

Is This Failing to Go After Sinners Your Sin?

We make all kinds of alibis and excuses for not winning souls, but I wonder if usually this is not the real reason we do not win souls—that we do not work at it?

The other day a dear man wrote me and said that he was praying day and night to be filled with the Holy Spirit. He has never won a soul but, he said, as soon as he felt the mighty power of God upon him, he was going out to win souls. Let me tell you, along with this dear brother, that you ought not to wait even for the fullness of the Spirit. How will you know whether the Spirit of God is with you in soul-winning power unless you do what God has said? And why should you expect God to be willing to give you His Holy Spirit when you are not doing the one business that the fullness of the Spirit comes to aid? I say, go ahead and try with all your heart to win souls. Go in Jesus' name. Use the Word of God. Weep over sinners. Call on God to do His part. And I doubt not that more and more as you go the Spirit of God will go with you and give you soul-winning power.

Someone says to me, "But I do not know the Bible. I am not familiar with the Scriptures. I do not know how to win a soul." To such people I often say that if they will bring me their Bibles, I will show them where John 3:16 is. They can mark that, learn that, and use that one precious verse. I have won many hundreds to Christ on that one verse alone.

No, ignorance of the Bible is no excuse for not winning souls. Certainly I believe that every Christian should love his Bible passionately, read it every day and delight in it and learn it. But anybody who is born again can, in a few minutes' time, learn enough Scriptures to win many souls. You will need to learn more in order to win some cases, but your main trouble is not ignorance of the Bible. Your trouble is laziness, disobedience. You do not win souls because you do not go after them.

Someone says, "But Brother Rice, I don't have the gift of speech. I am not eloquent." Bible students will remember that that is an old, old excuse which Moses himself made to God. But it is not a valid excuse. God made the tongue. And even if you speak with stumbling and halting words, God can use you if you earnestly go to seek sinners. What man ever failed to propose to the girl he loved because he felt he was not eloquent? No man would let insurance prospects go without a sales talk just because he felt he was not eloquent. Whatever you lack in "a gift of gab" can be remedied by a gift of the Holy Spirit. And whether you speak eloquently, or speak in plain and stumbling words, still if you go with a broken heart for the Lord Jesus and do your best, you can win souls. God does not want so much eloquent words as honest words. God does not want so much gifted tongue as willing feet.

"But," says one, "I do not feel the leading of God. I would go talk to sinners, but I do not feel impressed." And whose fault do you think it is that you do not have the leading of the Holy Spirit? Do you believe that it is God's fault, or yours? Your trouble is deeper than that. You are not sur-

rendered to do the will of God. You do not have the holy urgency in your heart to go after sinners. If you did, you would find that God would give instructions.

When I was in the United States infantry during World War I, I learned that there are two kinds of orders that a soldier may have. He has general orders that are always in effect. Then he has special orders for special occasions. Every soldier on guard duty had to learn his general orders, and then some special orders to fit special occasions.

Now the Lord has certain general orders that are for every Christian and are always in effect. The general orders are that I am to get the gospel to every creature in the world. So unless I have clear leading to contradict it, I am under obligation to try to get everybody to be saved. Oh, I know that there must be a holy wisdom from God. I know that one must have direction and leadership of the Holy Spirit. But it is still a fact that God has already committed Himself to the plan of Christians going after sinners, and it is a general principle that anybody I have a good chance to win, I ought to try to win. Often I ought to warn even those I have little chance of winning. If you, dear reader, will get a burden of soul and will set out to try to win everybody you can, then you may go to God with clean hands and ask Him for the leadership of His Spirit and He will give that leadership. But I fear your trouble is a calloused, hard, disobedient heart in that you do not run after sinners to seek them and find them for God and get them to trust in His dear Son, our Saviour.

Why Preachers Fail

May I say a word here about why so many revival efforts fail? I believe that more often revival efforts fail for lack of work than for lack of gospel preaching. I believe that the publicity, the visitation, the advertising, and whole-souled activity to enlist Christians in going after sinners are more often the lack which lead to failure than the quality of the preaching.

I have seen many, many preachers stand up and preach an earnest gospel message, making plain the plan of salvation, but preaching to a congregation which did not include a single unconverted sinner. That is putting the preaching in

Pastor Writes

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ings were brought, too. In fact, the tithes were offerings, offered on the altar as sacrifice. To say that the tithe belongs to God and offerings do not belong to God is utterly contrary to the teaching of the Scripture, in my humble judgment. Everything a man has belongs to God and should be used for God. Certainly Christians ought to give a tithe and more, but they ought to ask God where it should go. And instead of being dictated to by a pastor or a church board or denominational secretary on such matters, a Christian should take the matter to God and then give, "every man according as he purposed in his heart," that is, as he is led by the Spirit of God (II Cor. 9:7).

I am grateful for your letter. I do not want you to be offended. I am not doubting your sincerity, but I feel you ought to grant my sincerity likewise and my absolute fairness in having both sides of this question presented in the best way possible.

In the dear Saviour's name, yours,

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the Great Commission before the going, and it does not work.

And let me suggest further to my preacher friends that many a preacher who preaches good sermons is nevertheless a failure because he does not win souls. And the reason is usually just this, that he does not definitely go after sinners. No man should feel that his duty is done when he preaches a sermon in the pulpit. Certainly if you did not get sinners out to hear the gospel in the church house, then you ought to go after them.

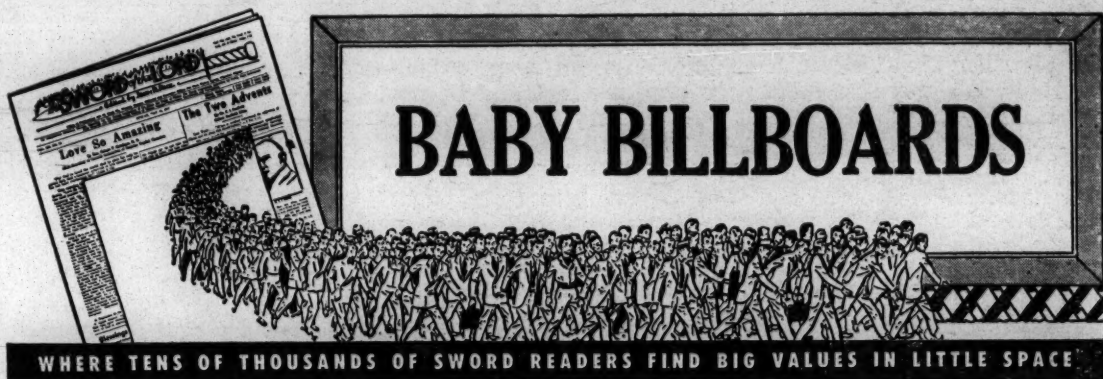
I preached as earnestly as I knew how once, hoping to win a man to Christ whom I loved and for whom I had prayed much. The service came to a close and he was still unsaved. At the door as he left the building I shook hands with him and earnestly urged

him to take Christ as Saviour. In five minutes of conversation he was soundly converted. Preaching from the pulpit, long-range soul winning, did not do it. Definite, persistent, personal effort did.

Dear preacher, do not hide behind the pulpit. In Jesus' name I beg you to go after sinners. Find them in the hospitals, find them in the jails, find them in the rescue missions. Find them in the homes of your members. Find them next door to your church.

I was in a revival campaign in a good church in Chicago. Very few unconverted people came to the services. The church members were self-satisfied. They were good, sound people. They believed the Bible. They lived clean lives. But in a residence jammed against the side of the church building liv-

ed an unsaved woman. She sat on the steps of her home, and there in the eventide, just before the church service began, Mrs. Rice and I won her to Christ. How guilty that church full of Christians would have been had that poor neighbor woman gone to Hell unwon! I beg every Christian to leave the ninety-nine good sheep in the wilderness if need be and go after that which is lost until you find it, like the good shepherd did about whom Jesus told us. The one great essential of soul winning is going after sinners. Do it today. You have already prayed. You have waited for a more favorable opportunity or for others to do it. Wait no longer! Do not sin longer in this matter. Today go try to win that loved one or friend to Christ!



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She told God she would give up everything in the world because she needed Him so desperately and He saved her and for the first time in her life she had peace in her heart. She went to her sister and the Baptist people in Alexandria, where her husband had been brought. At first sight of her the husband tried to kill her, but was overpowered. Then she solicited prayers from all the churches in Alexandria—they prayed night and day for her husband and in three days he snapped out of it—became perfectly sane. After his mind was clear and she had told him of her decision for Christ, he was overjoyed. When she questioned her husband as to what had caused his confusion he told her that the war had frayed his nerves, but the thing that caused the snap was his brooding over the fact that God had called him to preach the gospel; and he felt he couldn't answer the call because he was afraid to break the news to his Catholic wife.

She believes that God had to bring them both to the place of their tragedy to accomplish his plans for their lives. The husband has been detained in a Veteran's hospital for observation, but the doctors have assured her that he will be released in three weeks and join her in their home in the suburbs of New Orleans to plan for his ministerial career. I did my best to strengthen her in the Lord and told her I

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